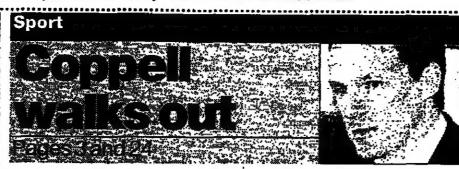


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Blair to scrap Lords reform

'Nuclear option' to save devolution

ONY Blair is poised to retreat from his commit-ment to the early abolition of vot-ing rights for he-Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs fear it might jeopardise

their commitment to Scottish and Welsh devolution. and Welsh devolution.

Instead, the threat to end the 700-year political rights of hereditary dynasties— along with their "club rights" to the magnificent facilities of the House of Lords—will be held over the heads of Conservative peers and their allies as a "nuclear weapon" to discourage disruption of a Biair government's devolution bills

At the 1994 Labour conference, Mr Blair promised a quick, two-clause bill to break aristocratic power in Parliament, as a symbol of Labour's radical intent.

The newly established Liblab committee, set up to coordinate plans for constitutional reform, has not yet decided on parliamentary tac tics, which could include use of the Parliament Acts to of the Parliament Acts to overrule a Lords veto if they fail to negotiate an acceptable

Some peers and MPs have been warning Mr Blair that the Tory-dominated Lords will thwart him unless he gets rid of hereditary peers. But

Salisbury Convention —
drafted by Lord Cranborne's
grandfather — Tory peers
have promised not to block
measures contained in a winning Labour manifesto, such as devolution. But they admit they cannot control many of the 770 hereditaries, who are irregular attenders at Westminster.

"Cranborne will be an abso-Inte swine. He smiles a lot, and Wales within a year. but he's a reactionary," one Since then Labour has in-

serted a referendum process, designed to win public endorsement for its plans from Welsh and Scots voters and ment's fall.

appointed by Mr Blair to en-sure a credible reform packsure a credible reform pack-age. Success requires "a com-bination of political will and technical skill," he warned. The Labour leader inher-ited from Neil Kinnock a pledge to legislate for de-volved assemblies in Scotland

make it harder for Tory peers to block or subvert the bills, as happened in the protracted battle in 1976-79 that culminated in the Labour govern-But the referendums themselves will require legislation in the first months of a Blair

government, ahead of the promised white paper and complex devolution bills that — on 1970's precedent — will take months to draft. "We cannot have a referendum bill and a Lords reform bill at the same time," Labour towards putting Lords reform on the back-burner, as are Liberal Democrats on the new Lib-Lab committee.

The daunting complexity of Labour's plans has already forced Mr Blair to scale them down. There will be no early Bill of Rights, party sources confirm, but the European Convention on Human Rights will be incorrected in Contents. will be incorporated into Brit-

What the Opposition leader-ship in the Lords, led by Lord Richard and Lord Irvine of Lairg, wants is a reform deal that the Tory peers will acstrategists confirm. Key fig- | cept, as they have come close

Ewen MacAskill in Bordeaux

and Chris McGreal in Gisenyi

fare in eastern Zaire.

British troops could be used to help ensure that humani-

tarian aid gets through to the

refugees. At present, much of it is being stockpiled because of anarchy in Zaire.

Mr Major, speaking at the Anglo-French summit after meeting President Jacques

Chirac, said discussions would have to be held with the United Nations and the

Organisation of African Unity on what action to take. As the UN moved to author-

ise a multinational force to

British troops

may go to Zaire

OHN MAJOR, bowing to Africa since the 1994 Rwandan French pressure, raised genocide was unfolding.

The prospect of sending British troops to central Africa yesterday as tens of thousands of refugees become caught up in escalating war-tare in eastern 7stre.

With refugees falling victim to ethnic bloodletting, starvation and disease, Mr Major fled the fighting reported that said in Bordeaux be would have to decide quickly killed in their thousands by whether to decide the fighting reported that Rwandan refugees were being killed in their thousands by

whether to commit British thirst and poisonous gases on troops to the crisis, adding: "I a lava field, Reuter reported

bave no doubt we will have a from Nairobi.

ures like Robin Cook, Donald Dewar, Jack Straw and George Robertson are leaning towards putting Lords reform to doing for 40 years. That would allow some active heretology to the property of net ministers, but without the built-in Tory majority which means that Opposition and crossbench amendments to government bills are routinely defeated by hereditary

peers.
Tory peers are reluctant to be seen negotiating a package before the coming election because it would suggest they expect John Major to lose. Without a mutually acceptable deal the Lorde gould able deal, the Lords could block the two-clause bill — already circulating — for a year and then be overruled by the

eral, Boutros Boutros-Ghali,

called "genocide by starva-tion", it was clear the worst

humanitarian crisis in central

lypse" caused by appalling sanitation and lack of food. Zairean aid workers who

intershamwe militia of kid-napping dozens of their chil-

dren to use as human shields

After initially rejecting the idea of any military involve-

ment, the British government softened its position during the two-day summit. France is pushing for the creation of a 5,000-strong UN-

sponsored force and has said that up to 1,000 of its troops will be made available, pro-

vided other countries, no-tably the United States, match

against the rebels.

For sale: One Caravaggio, missing for 400 years, valued at £15,000 — now worth £10m



A detail from Caravaggio's first known painting, A Young Boy Peeling an Apple, which reflects the realism and the innovative use of light and shade for which he was renowned

Detective work turns up long-lost masterpiece

John de St Jorre

N oil painting which A has been missing for 400 years and is attributed to the Italian Old Master Caravaggio could fetch up to \$15 million (£10 million) when it is auctioned in London next month.

Phillips the auctioned

originally attributed the picture in their summer vaggio, which would have catalogue to the "studio of Caravaggio" with an estipicture in their summer catalogue to the "studio of Caravaggio" with an estimated price of £15,000 to £18.000.

But since it was with-drawn from the sale, Maurizio Marini, an Italian art historian, has examined it and told Phillips: "I confirm that this painting is an

It is the first time a work

attributed to Caravaggio, renowned for his realism and innovative use of light and shade, has come up for auction since before the second world war. The picture, A Young Boy

Peeling an Apple, was due to be sold in Phillips's sum-mer sale but was with-drawn on the advice of John T. Spike, an American expert on Caravaggio who lives in Florence.

Seven versions of the work exist, but all of them are widely accepted as copies. The original was, until now, considered irretrievably lost. The picture, which features a half-length figure of a boy, dressed in a cotton shirt, peeling a green fruit, is the property of a private owner. It will be auctioned on December 10. Dr Spike flew to London

last month and after a de-tailed examination of the painting said it "displays the clarity and cohesive-ness of an original painting

by the young Caravaggio". Brian Koetser, director of Phillips Old Masters de-partment, said: "We imme-diately decided to submit the painting to further studies and scientific

The discovery has put The discovery has purphillips in a quandary over how to price the work. The Getty Museum in the United States recently put a reserve of \$15 million on a recent Caravaggio discov-

tests has been carried out on the picture by Maurizio Seracini, a Florence-based scientist who specialises in diagnostic tests on Old Mas-

ter paintings. Mr Seracini's tests con-cluded that the painting was executed not later than the mid-17th century; that none of the materials used was anomalous for the period in which Caravagglo worked; and small but sig-nificant adjustments were visible under the surface of

the paint. This last point strongly indicates that the painting is an original.

He later starred in Holly-

He officially retired in 1971

but made return appearances

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News blackout as Frank Sinatra deteriorates, suffering pneumonia and heart failure



in Los Angeles

Frank Sinatra, aged 30, is in a deteriorating condition in hospital, according to a television station in Los

Angeles.
Citing an inside source at reported that Sinatra's room looked like the intensive care

and other equipment being used to treat him for pneumo nia and heart failure. Both the hospital and Sina

tra's public relations adviser, Susan Reynolds, declined to comment on his condition, saying this was at his request. Earlier in the week the hos-Citing an inside source at pital public relations officer, codars Sinat medical centre Ron Wise, was more forthin Beverly Hills, KCBS coming. Countering rumours that the man known as Ol' Blue Eyes was seriously ill

unit, with monitoring devices | after entering hospital on No- | mark his birthplace by unvember 1, Mr Wise said the singer was being treated for a pinched nerve and was in pain but moving about and talking.

Nancy Sinatra later said her father did have a mild case of pneumonia. He had reportedly been eager to leave hospital but doctors demurred.

hometown of Hoboken, New ing, he quickly made a name Jersey, on Sunday plan to for himself.

veiling a plaque on the pave-ment outside what remains of Things and I've Got You Under My Skin established the home where he was born his reputation as a complex on December 12, 1915. The balladeer with a style that house burned down years ago also fitted in with jazz bands. and all that remain are a wood films including From Here to Eternity (1953), for brick wall, a door and an which he won an Oscar.

Sinatra was inspired to be come a singer by a Bing Crosby concert in 1933. De-spite lacking musical train-

into his 70s, despite forgetting the words and having to use a prompter, Oblivaries 7; Weather 2 TV and Radio 2

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Luke Harding

PSYCHOLOGY lecturer whose extreme views on race have led to a boycott of his lectures was last night suspended by his university after

and boys was acceptable.

Last night the university said it was deeply concerned by his remarks. "We have no truck with the condoning of paedophile acts which transgress laws designed to protect

In an Internet briefing Mr Brand writes: "Non-violent paedophilia with a consenting partner over age 12 does no arm so long as the paedophiles and the partners are of above average IQ and educa-tional level. As lead choirboy and soloist, I met lots of paedophiles who would press money into my horrid little

"For better or worse I never fancied any of them nor did anything but allow a little

Yesterday Mr Brand, a lecturer at Edinburgh Universi-ty, was unapologetic, saying. The vast majority of young partners suffer no harm, especially when there is a cash payment involved. There are all kinds of paedophilia. I am not talking about the terrible events in Belgium where chil-

and his department into dis-repute. Several of his colagues formally complained following his remarks.

the psychology lecturer, aged 52, caused a furore ear-lier this year with his book the g factor, which claimed black people had a lower IQ than whites. He urged low IQ single mothers to "breed" pended by his university at than whites. He urged low is claiming in an Internet news-letter that paedophile sex is single mothers to "breed" with intelligent men to escape with intelligent men to escape harmless.
Chris Brand faces disciplinary proceedings and has been stripped of his teaching responsibilities at Edinburgh University. Mr Brand, a self-proclaimed "scientific racist", said sex between adults and hows was later withdrawn by its publishers. The psychologist wrote the inflammatory Internet article to protest at the arrest of Nobel prize-winning scientist Daniel Gajdusek, aged 73 on charges of abusing aged 73, on charges of abusing young boys. "It's disgraceful a man of such distinction should be hounded by the courts and the press for

courts and the press for events that happened 20 or 30 years ago," be said.

Wendy Toms, a spokeswoman for ChildLine, said yesterday: "We find these views absolutely sickening and utterly indefensible. Sexual abuse causes pain, misery and charge. It is discrepant." and abuse causes pain, misery and shame. It is disgraceful that such wicked pro-paedophilia propaganda should be transmitted on the Internet."

A spokesman for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children asked: "What paedophile carries out

victim? Anyone with common sense will be revolted by A spokesman for Edin-

burgh University Students' Association added: "A lot of people already find Mr Brand's views very unpleas-ant. This will reinforce their

Mr Brand was stripped of his post as head of the psychology department's eth-ics committee in April but is

RITAIN and its European partners are threatening the future of South Africa's fledgling de-is dur-mocracy, a senior member of time. Nelson Mandela's ruling Afri-Mr claim today.

accused of reneging on a promise made just after President Mandela's election two years ago to offer favourable trading terms on a wide range of South African exports. ment's trade and industry committee, will warn of serious economic consequences if Europe is successful in excluding 40 per cent of South Africa's key products from a

invitation of the Anti-Apart-heid Movement's successor body, Action for Southern Af-rica (ACTSA), will prepare the ground for the deputy president, Thabo Mbeki, who

Mr Mheki is expected to call on John Major to campaign on South Africa's behalf against restrictions which Germany, France and Mediunderstood to have de-manded. They are said to have been influenced by their powerful farming lobbies and former colonies, which are in Rob Davies, chairman of former colonies, which are in the South African parlia- direct competition with South African producers.

Mr Davies told the Guard-

ian: "There is a very great discrepancy between the 95 per cent of European im-ports which the EU is propos-

Pretoria's anger at the terms offered is particularly acute because the Free Trade Area (FTA) was proposed by the EU, to belp South Africa return to the global market place after the relaxation of

was also intended to accelerate the opening up of its highly-protected economy.

Mr Mandela's government

ment and the 60 per cent of in London will further fuel our exports they are willing the trade row which was to accept. EU published its proposals.

After consultation with member states, the EU manof South and southern Africa and is not taking account of the process of transition and restructuring. It will have a very, very significant impact on unemployment.

"We sense a gap between the expression of support and the reality."

Pretorials a proper at the supports that South Africa regards as among its most internationally competitive products. But the EU is proposing that South Africa should accept 90 per cent of European imports duty free, including goods subsidised by the Common Agricultural

> "Britain and Sweden have the current mandate, Germany, France and Greece have interest groups who see

were groundless in view of the volume of South African exports likely to arrive in

into crisis, and argued that South Africa — which wants a settlement by the EU's Dub-lin summit in December has been denied the opportu-nity to compete on a level playing field with comparable countries in north Africa and Letin America.

The organisation's director, Ben Jackson, said: "ACTSA will be stepping up its cam-paign to press the British Government to take a renewed lead within Europe lives up to the promises the EU made at the birth of the new South Africa and its obligation to the rest of southern Africa."

Europe.

ACTSA said that the row had thrown the trade talks after Visa International, one of the world's largest credit card providers. yes-

terday unveiled plans for an "electronic purse". Visa Cash, a chip-based plastic card, will allow users to make everyday purchases of small items such as a newspaper or a pint of milk, without having to scrape around for the right change. Holders of the Visa Cash card will be able to "load" the card's electronic chip from their bank account, probably up to a limit of £100, initially at any of 3,000 specially designed automated telling

the way of the abacus and the slide-rule

The move marks the latest clash between Visa and its arch-rival MasterCard in the credit card war that has seen interest rates tum-ble and the entry of many unconventional players in Britain, including the Consumers' Association and British Gas.

MasterCard is reported to be seeking to take control of Mondex International the use of electronic cash cards among 13,000 users in Swindon for the past 15 months, as well as in Hone

yesterday it plans a trial of its card among 70,000 Leeds residents in late 1997, after obtaining the co-operation of many of the top banks, including Abbey National, Barclays, Lloyds, TSB, the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Co-operative Bank.

Chirac backs Major over working hours

Ewen MucAskill in Bordeaux

OHN Major appeared to have won the support of President Chirac yester-day in the coming battle with the European Court of Justice over a 48-hour working week. It would be a significant coup for Mr Major if he has enlisted as powerful an ally as France for the European

Mr Chirac was speaking a a press conference with Mr Major at the end of the twoBordeaux. Britain faces a of the European Court in gen-huge row next week if the European Court of Justice an-Britain on this specific issue. Mr Major's appeal against the imposition of a maximum 48hour working week. Mr Chirac surprised the British contingent when he said: "On the dispute between the United Kingdom and the Major's position on this and prepared to support them."

about reforming the powers

ments quite clear. We welcome his support." afterwards when presidential officials began to play down the remarks, insisting Mr Chirac had been speaking

surprised by Mr Chirac's unexpected promise of support, said afterwards: "He must have misunderstood the But last night Downing Street had decided to hold Mr Chirac to his words: "We have made our reasoned argu-

A cabinet minister, equally

The implication was that while Mr Chirac supported a 48-hour maximum for France and elsewhere in Europe, he

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does find against Britain, he will seek to amend the Masstricht Treaty to reduce the court's powers. He hopes to win initial support for this in Dublin and follow through at next year's inter-governmental conference to review the

Maastricht Treaty. He said be objected in particular to the court's powers to impose retrospective judg-ments which cause huge expense to the countries involved. He said he would argue that Britain bad seMaastricht Treaty's social chapter on workers' rights and a ruling against Britain on the 48-hour week would be contrary to the spirit of the Both leaders described the

summit as friendly but Mr Chirac was combative when asked about Mr Major's boasts that the British economy was in much better shape than France's. Mr Major, in an article in the London Eve-ning Standard on the eve of the summit, undiplomatically contrasted the atrength of the British economy with the high level of youth unemploy-

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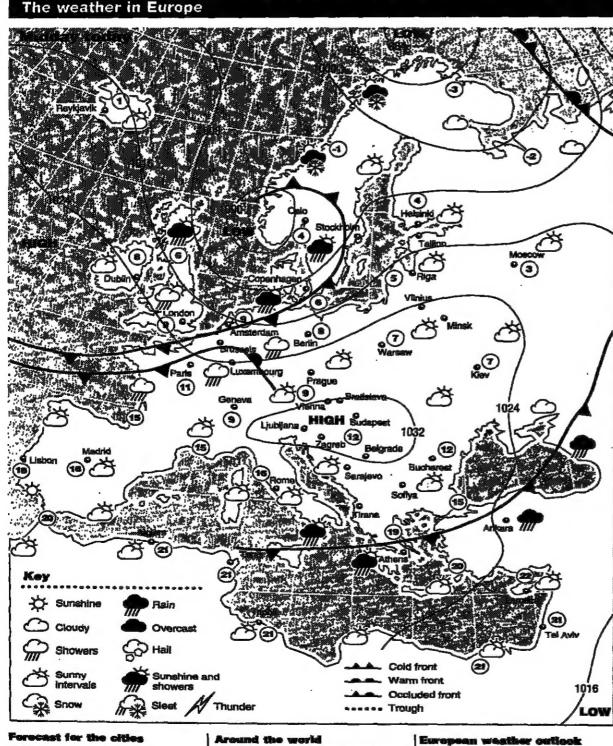
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mediate and quicker. That de-

Alex Ferguson, the Man-

has brought two League and Cup Doubles to the club, has

publicly said he would not have started his 10-year reign at Old Trafford if he had

known the pressures that would develop in the game. Football management, ac-cording to experts, would sev-eraly test well-trained indi-

viduals from big business.
"It is one of the worst middle management positions

to be in," said Dr Biddle.
"Football managers also have

people employed above them

The strain of the game. . . Former Birmingham City manager Barry Fry runs through the emotions during a metch against Tranmere Rovers

Only a game — but stress is winner

Steve Coppell, one of the brightest young managers in football, walked out on Manchester City yesterday after just 33 days in the job. The pressure of reviving the struggling club was making him ill, he said. John Duncan and Kamal Ahmed report on the stresses of the modern game

looked at the four walls of his Maine Road office, held his head in his hands and knew that he couldn't carry on, the latest victim of what has be-come one of the most stress-

"There are only two cer-tainties in life. People die and football managers get the sack," said Eoin Hand, the former Republic of Ireland manager, 10 years ago. It is still true. Every season the profession knows that up to

profession knows that up to half its members will be fired. Coppell was charged with rebuilding Manchester City, a club that has suffered neglect and mismanagement and has declined over a long period, factors which have hardly dulled supporters appetite for

fering from setting himself extremely high standards," said Dr Biddle. "Look at Bobby Moore, one of our said Cary Cooper, professor of psychology at the Univertity of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

"He would have wanted to meet the expectations of fans to met the club back in the processarily football skills," "."

Premier League by the end of the sesson. But this club has been in trouble for years and ment. Despite bringing the

Exeter, said: "The main stress is that managers' jobs are on the line virtually every week. A bad set of results and you are out."

That view is echoed by Dr Cooper. "A football manager has to create and motivate the

components, multi-tasking, people management and job insecurity.

"The manager has to liaise with the board on commercial issues and deal with buying players and insecurity. players, and interface with fans and the community. But the most stresship occurs jobs in Britain, the most stresship occurs is measurable every week.

last game."
But the provenance of foot-ball managers rarely equips them to deal with the problems the job throws up.

Almost all are former play-ers, protected from normal stress by a club from the age of 14, allowed to focus simply on playing and training, barely used to the responsi-bility of managing their own lives, let alone the pressure of being in the engine room of a multi-million pound business.

success as they watched bitter rivals Manchester United sweep all before them.

"Coppell is an intelligent man and I suspect he is suffering from setting himself settlement with the stretchest before the suffering from setting himself settlement with the stretchest before the suffering from setting himself settlement with the stretchest before the suffering from setting himself settlements before the suffering from setting himself settlements before the suffering from settlements and the suffering fro

to put the club back in the necessarily football skills."

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championship to Leeds
United in an sight-year spell Stuart Biddle, sports psy-chologist at the University of by the club after a terrace campaign and a series of bad

Now he is the chairman of the League Managers Associ-ation, set up to get a better deal for managers.
"There are now so many

more demands on a manager team, which can change and everything now has be-through injury every week come much more immedi-

TEVE COPPELL The job has many stressful ate," said Mr Wilkinson. "The looked at the four components, multi-tasking, need to win has always been fore a game but then goes down during the game because they have something to Taking the strain do. But the manager has no mand for success won't control and that is very

change but, if you are also trying to do everything else that now comes with the job, then I'm afraid it just can't be stressful."

The growth of media interest in the game has made fall-ure public and humiliating. Can deal with things' rather than 'Oh my God, this is with every aspect of a manage er's personality open to ques

chester United manager, who I tion and speculation. "The most stressful part of the job is the visibility of the Use deep breathing techniques wherever you are. A few deep breaths in the middle of a crisis can help by role, everything you do, any mistakes, are evident," said Jim McKenna, lecturer in exincreasing oxygen supply to the bloodstream.

ercise and health at Bristol
University. "There is a per-ception they are in control
but actually somebody else is
holding the purse strings." The result is that manage Anished on a seascabe,

are prone to be overwhelmed by the job and end up terri-fied by the scale of what is expected of them.
"In management you often as executives, the manager is not the overall person in charge. But he gets all the formation and too many deci

"The football manager is in a peculiar situation. Although he is in charge of the team he can only watch when the team is playing.

Don't

Get angry with the people around you. Swearing and shouling at subordinates just increases your stress levels.

O Don't use drink and drugs. however convenient it may seem. It is the start of the

Got a tien tank. Watching flet is relating as they move and breathe slowly. Paul Wilson, tripes manager, says it is fixe O Bottle things up. If you are

struggling with your work load, tell somebody, don't

Envisage threatening studions. If you have a stressful meeting to attend



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Four who found the going too tough



STEVE COPPELL never seemed the type to let life get on top of him. Sensible, media friendly, with a sense of humour, he seemed ide-ally suited to the rig-ours of management. ours of management.
His resignation yesterday came as a shock.
This is not the first
high-pressure job Coppell has had. He saw
Crystal Palace briefly
into the top flight as a
young and inexperienced manager.

enced manager.
But where Palace
were never expected to
set the world alight, the Manchester City job made the limelight and the pressure it brought

impossible to escape.
"I'm not ashamed to admit that I have suffered for some time from huge pressure I have imposed upon my-self," said Coppell yesterday, "and since my appointment, this has completely overwhelmed me to such an extent that I cannot function the way I would like to. As this situation is affecting my well-being. I have asked Francis Lee to relieve me of my obligation to manage the club on medical advice."



KENNY DALGLISH
quit Liverpool in
1991 after a 4-4 draw
with Everton, but the
pressure he blamed for
his withdrawal from the game had started long before that. "I realised how much pressure I was under just before I left Liverpool," he sald in his autobiography. "I had become unpleasant company at home, I was shouting at the kids."

The pressure, sparked partly by the Hillsborough disaster, was hard to detect at first. 'It was impossible to notice whether there was any pressure building up because I was too busy

being manager." He developed blotches and had to receive injections every day.
Self-doubt crept into his life. "In the past I would make the decision, usually more right than wrong, and move on without thinking. Now I agonised over

everything."
The Everton match
was the end. "Before the game I lay on my hotel bed and decided that I had to get out. The alter-native was going mad. I could either keep my job or my sanity."



TERRY COOPER has started to smile again as his life begins to return to normal. Once again he is trading the one-liners that were once his trademark during an oscillating managerial career with Bris-tol City, Birmingham These days he is

Graeme Souness's assis-tant at Southampton, a remarkable comeback after a nervous breakdown last year. In despair at troubled Exeter, he listened to the specialists and

turned his back on the game which had been his living for 33 years. Exeter were a team in financial chaos, not knowing whether they would be playing the following Saturday. The administrators had been called in. Cooper,

by nature one of the

boys, had been ordered to cut his playing staff. Suddenly everything got on top of him. Motor ng back to Devon, he braked hard, pulled off the road and phoned for help. "I was under such an overwhelming strain at Exeter—I ended up doing almost every-thing at the club."



BARRY FRY, the for-mer Barnet and Bir-mingham manager, has had enough heart attacks—three at the last count — to speak with authority about the stresses of football management. Doctors told him to

quit after his most recent attack, but he couldn't. A stress junkie, he now owns and coaches his own club, Peterborough United.

"The job can tear you apart if you let it," he said. "With so much money in the game, the responsibility is huge. Everything is a gamble whether you spend £10 million on a player or three bob. You're bound to make mistakes.

"A manager's biggest pressure comes from trying to keep everybody happy. You can only pick 11 players and the rest are upset, their girlfriends and families are upset. And then the directors and the fans always think they can pick a better team.

"But if anybody's under pressure at Man-chester City, it's the chairman, Francis Lee. He's the one I sympa-thise with."



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David Sharrock in Belfast and Christopher Zinn

growing on the United States last night to follow Australia's lead and refuse an entry visa to the Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, because of his "intimate

ssociation" with the IRA.
Unionists welcomed the Australian decision, which was taken because Mr Adams failed to meet the country's "good character" require-ments, according to the immigration minister, Philip

uddock. He said: "Mr Adams continues to be intimately associated with the Provisional IRA, an organisation that continues to conduct criminal acts of terrorism and bomb-

claims that Mr Adams and other leading Sinn Feiners were on the IRA's seven-mem ber ruling army council until October last year, more than 12 months after the IRA de-clared its ceasefire.

The Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, welcomed Australia's decision and said he would urge President Clin ton to follow suit when he visited Washington soon.

The Democratic Unionist leader, Ian Paisley, said: "The Australians are saying what everybody else thinks. It's important that America falls in behind our Commonwealth partners.'

David Adams, of the Ulster Democratic Party, which has links with the Ulster Freedom Fighters, said: "It would be wholly inappropriate while the IRA continue their cam-

ing." The ruling comes as a paign within the UK to allow book published this weekend Adams to go on a self-promo-Adams to go on a self-promo-tion tour of Australia."

There was no comment from Mr Adams, who was slightly injured in a car colli-sion on Thursday, but a Sinn Fein spokeswoman said that Australia had been heavily

US should fall in behind the Commonwealth'

was intending to travel next week to Australia to promote his autobiography, Before The Dawn.
The book is due to be published in the US next Febru-ary and official sources have

hinted that unless the IRA

lobbied by Britain. Mr Adams

him. The book in which Mr Ad-

ams is named as a top IRA figure, Phoenix, Policing the Shadows, is based on the diaries of a senior RUC intelli-gence officer killed in the Mull of Kintyre Chinook

Ian Phoenix was head of the RUC's counter-surveillance unit at the time of his death and had spent some 25 years peen turned into a highly revealing and controversial

Yesterday RTE, the Irish

state broadcasting network, abruptly cancelled all scheduled radio and television in-terviews with the authors, Mr Phoenix's widow, Susan, and the journalist, Jack Holland. They were due to appear on the top-rated programme, the

tounded and so were the presenters when a producer came in and told us it was off. It's discourteous if not politically cowardly."

Mrs Phoenix said it was because the book was the first to

'McGuinness and Adams were IRA members'

"tell the truth" about North-ern Ireland and was entirely in keeping with her late husband's experience of "agendas within agendas".

The book says that the secu-rity forces knew that at the time of the Shankill bombing in October 1993 — when nine ceasefire is restored there Late Late Show, and on a Protestants and an IRA

will be no further visas for lunchtime programme. Mr bomber were killed -- Mr Ad-him. Holland said: "We were as ams was an army council member.

> president, Pat Doherty, the veteran republican, Joe Cahill, and Sinn Fein's chief ne-gotiator in the Stormont talks, Martin McGuinness. The other three members were Kevin McKenna, named as chief of staff, his adjutant, Micky McKevitt, and Thomas

"Slab" Murphy.

The book says that by late 1995 Adams and McGuinness were no longer sitting members of the council. Changes had been made at a meeting in Donegal in October at which it was decided to

resume attacks in England. Phoenix believed that political considerations were increasingly over-riding secu-rity in the run-up to the IRA ceasefire, resulting in a series of "missed opportunities".

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said in a statement yesterday that a service later this month at Southwark Cathedral, south London, to commemorate the 20th anni-versary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement did not signal official approval for homosexuality. However, organisers of the service accused him of hiding his head in the sand.

But in an effort to play down the row, Dr Carey said: "To make a church or cathedral available to Christian people for

worship and prayer . . . cannot properly be taken as an endorsement of whatever the congregation wants, but is a recognition that followers of Christ should cherish all that they have in ommon, notwithstanding strong differences of opinion."

The issue erupted again last month when vicar's wife and novelist Anne Akkins criticised the Church on Radio 4's Thought for the Day for not condemning homosexuality as a sin.

Vandal's killer gets life

A MAN who kicked a car vandal to death for smashing a brake A MAN who kicked a car vandal to death for smashing a brake light was given a life sentence for murder at Teesside crown court yesterday. Ricky Parnaby, 19, was in a car with two friends when they clashed with partygoer Gary Robinson, 22, on September 30 last year and chased him off. But as they drove away he isshed out with his foot, cracking a brake light. After a hunt through a housing estate in Chilton, Co Durham, Parnaby — from nearby West Cornforth — caught Mr Robinson and kicked him repeatedly in the head. Mr Robinson choked to death on his own blood

Ruth Neave to appeal

RUTH Neave, the 28-year-old mother-of-four who was last week found not guilty of murdering her six-year-old son Rikkt in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, two years ago is to appeal agains rever borough, campringeshire, two years ago is to appear against the seven-year jail term she received for child cruelty, burglary and a drug offence after the judge at Northampton crown court was told she admitted a catalogue of "appalling" cruelty and neglect towards Rikki and two of her daughters. Meanwhile, her estranged husband, Dean Neave, was yesterday jailed for three years at Peterborough crown court for bigamy and supplying drugs ofter he admitted marroing Maria Center in King's Lune drugs after he admitted marrying Marie Carter in King's Lynn, Norfolk, in October 1994 while still married to Ruth.

Gales victim robbed

A WOMAN of 52 who suffered serious head injuries when she was flattened by a hoarding blown by gales was robbed as she lay on the pavement at midday on Wednesday, police said yesterday. Dorothy Inman, from Bradford, was semi-conscious and waiting for an ambulance when a thief snotched her handbag as she lay on the ground in the city centre. She was taken to hospital, and is said

Stag hunt woman cleared

THE daughter of the joint masters of the Devon and Somersei Staghounds was yesterday found not guilty by Minehead mugistrates in Somerset of chasing a stag with a Land-Rover to stop it entering a sanctuary founded by ex-Beatle Paul McCartney. Jo-anna Scott, 28, had denied an offence under the 1991 Deer Act of using a mechanically-propelled vehicle for the purpose of driving a deer on March 4. She told the court she was following the deer to see where it went, to prevent trespass by hounds on sanctuary land. The prosecution was brought by the League Against Cruel Sports, which showed the court a video claimed to be of the incident, after the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to

Guardian sales go on growing

THE Guardian's circulation for October 1996 was up to 406.355. This was up on the previous month and on October 1995, in the face of a three-year price-cutting war among other broadsheet newspapers. The ABC six-month average figures for the Guardian similarly showed an incresse in sales. The Independent's sales for the same period fell by 9.07 per cent, to 270,073.



Nearly 90 swans were returned to the Thames at Hampton yesterday after being cleaned at the Swan Sanctuary in Egham, Surrey, following a boatyard oil spill PHOTOGRAPH: GARRY WEASER

'Battle-weary' mother gives way to end school deadlock

Martin Walnwright

HE bitter discipline deadlock which has closed a junior school for more than a week ended yesterday when the "battle-weary" mother of an alleg-edly unteachable 10-year-old backed down and agreed to

send him to another school. The crisis at Manton primary, which serves a sprawling council estate in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, had seen governors, staff and parents locked in a dispute

local education authority. Labour-controlled Nottinghamshire finally broke the deadlock by telling Pamela Cliffe that her son Matthew. who has been involved in 38 legal rights", and that he in-allegedly disruptive incidents sisted on Mrs Shephard back-

arrived for classes on Mon-day. Staff have refused to teach him this term and have been on strike for eight days since a £14,000-a-year one-toone tutoring system was abandoned by governors be-cause the school could no longer afford it.

The dispute went to the heart of the current debate that it was constrained by which also set Education and Employment Secretary Gillian Shephard against the legal limits introduced under the Government's own local management of schools. Fred Riddell, chairman of educa-tion, said before Ms Cliffe backed down that he viewed his ban on Matthew as a "transgression of Ms Cliffe's

at the school in six months, | ing him up if the ban resulted | ers refused to reconsider would be turned away if he | in a legal challenge. | their boycott of the boy.

Mrs Shephard said she was pleased that Nottinghamshire dispute. "I have already made clear that any appropriate action by the authority which leads to the uninterrupted education of the children will

have my full support." Ms Cliffe said she was bit-terly disappointed and felt shout the final say over that Matthew had been made a scapegoat. "I just wanted to urging the council to act but get the other kids back to Nottinghamshire countering school, and the only way I'm going to do that is by taking

Matthew out."
Ms Cliffe's reluctant decision followed the resignation of three governors, who had argued that Matthew's im-proved behaviour justified a second chance, while eight members of the National and Union of Women Teach-

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the union, said: "This is a welcome breakthrough and I applaud Ms Cliffe's common sense. It is also a tribute to the outstanding courage of the union's members at the school... for standing up for good order and discipline."

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said the case underlined the dangers of the Government's new appeal system for excluded pupi

'Had the headteacher's judgment [that Matthew should be expelled perma-nently] prevailed, pupils at Manton would not have had their education disrupted, Matthew would have had his own educational needs met would have been avoided.

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SCHOOLS are expelling in-creasing numbers of pu-pils despite claims by Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, that authorities in England, writes

extended electronic debate.

manently excluded in 1995-96 - an eight per cent increase on the previous year. Presthe rate has stabilised, ac-cording to a survey of local sure to expel disruptive puing in 12 exclusions from the

The great debate The Guardian's education debates are being staged to open up the big issues to the widest possible

concerned citizens: •in the paper, where key issues will be thrashed out by the main protagonists in the run-up to polling day: in the debating hall at the Institute of Education. University of London, where these same polemicists will lock horns before a participative and argumentative

intervention by students, parents, teachers and other

audience: and through the Guardian's Web site (http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/) on which the relevant texts will be posted as a prelude to

In the first of the series, we are staging a clash over academic selection between two protagonists on the left. Roy Hattersley, former deputy leader of the Labour Party and keeper of the flame of the comprehensive ideal, is locking horns with Will Hutton, editor of The Observer and prophet of a revisionist new deal. That confrontation starts in the columns of The Guardian's education supplement on Tuesday, November 12, and in the Institute's hall at 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, at 8pm that evening. The electronic debate begins now.

Rate of school expulsions rising despite Shephard's claim Carl Parsons of Canterbury | Ridings School in Halifax | expensive in staff time and Christ Church College found that 13,419 children were per | School near Worksop, Not | Dr Parsons, whose previous School, near Worksop, Not-tinghamshire, has focused at-Dr Parsons, whose previous work has shown the high fi-

tention on the greater use of exclusions by primary schools. But Mrs Shephard nancial and social costs of excluding children from school, said ministers were tinkering and other ministers have intory legislation even to the ex-tent of changing the 1996 Edudicated that figures due to be published by the Department for Education and Employ-ment next week will show the cation Act. 'It sounds like legislative incompetence at number of exclusions has remained steady. the every least.
"These children's educa-

"The figures that the Govtion needs to be preserved. These are children we would ernment are putting out are suspiciously reassuring in the present crisis," said Dr want to see in supervised edu-cational institutions rather Parsons. There was a tempta-tion for schools to under-rethan on the streets." cord exclusions in the January census used by the Unilever department. His figures are based on local authority data. Yesterday the department de-

clined to comment Primary school exclusions grew by 13 per cent to 1.794 while the numbers excluded from secondaries increased only marginally to 11,094. There were 531 permanent exclusions from special schools. The legislative framework was geared to moving chil-dren out of school, not ensur-

ing their education, while

schools and local authorities

were short of resources to deal with children who were

1150%



Undiplomatic rows split US foreign service

UST as well the cold war is over. The staff at the United States embassy in Moscow are too busy in Muscow are 100 busy squabbling among themselves about the promotion of women and ethnic minorities, according to a leaked memo from the retiring US ambassator Thomas Birbasina

dor, Thomas Pickering.

"This embassy staff is polarised into two camps on the issue of equal employment opportunity [EEO], and neither side sees any benefit in talking to the other," he wrote to his segment of talking to the other," he wrote to his secretary of

In a memo circulating in the foreign policy community yesterday. Mr Pickering said responses to his survey of state department staff mem-bers in Russia were "frequently quite frank and, I regret to report, often vitriolic in their expression of anti-EEO sentiments".

He added: "If Moscow is at all representative of the for-

an representative of the for-eign service as whole, I can only say that our service has become polarised."

The Moscow ambassador, one of the stars of US diplo-maty, said white male diplo-mats claimed to be denied equal opportunities white equal opportunities, while others complained that "females and minorities" were ziven preference.

Others said the "old boy network" of white males from elite private colleges "resist — often with subtlety —

efforts to promote equality of opportunity". Attempts by the state de-partment to promote women and ethnic minorities during the past 10 years have been causing tension for some time, leading to occasional confrontation in diplomatic service magazines. But this is

the first top-level memo to have leaked from the system.

and gender have become more contentious as the foreign service shrinks. Three embassies and 16 consulates are to close to meet cuts im-posed by the Republican Con-gress, reducing employment opportunities in general.
This has worsened morale

in the service, which is already complaining about the shortage of promotion opportunities caused by President Clinton's readiness to pass over career diplomats and reward campaign donors with

plum embassy posts.

Most presidents do this, but the usual rule of thumb is to have two career ambassadors for every political appointee. The state department com-plains that Mr Clinton's ratio s closer to 50-50.

Mr Clinton nominated a Texas heiress, Swanee Hunt, to Vienna after she gave \$250,000 to the Democratic Party. An Atlanta bookshop heir, Edward Elson (\$182,000). went to Denmark, and the At lanta financier Terry Dorn-bush (\$253,000) went to the Netherlands.

Pamela Harriman went to Paris as ambassador after she raised more than \$3 million in one evening for the 1992 campaign.
The retirement of the secre

tary of state, Warren Christo-pher, leaves these personnel headaches to his succ along with another Moscow problem, the Russian threat to evict the ambassador from the palatial quarters at Spaso House, used by US envoys since the 1930s.

The Americans are still paying rent in highly deval-ued roubles, which means they get the 18th century palazzo for \$120 a year. The Moscow civic authorities are threatening to turn off the water, gas and power until a

better deal is negotiated. Mr Pickering argues that the old rouble exchange rate of Soviet days forced the US

News in brief

Tax gap adds to Germany's single currency target woes

ERMAN prospects of joining a single European currency suffered another blow yesterday when new tax estimates revealed a gaping lor, Helmut Kohl, reached וס 1997 אתו תני breach the gap. Employment will take a heavy cut, the

Denis Staumton in Berlin.
The federal government now expects DM822 billion (about £830 billion) in tax next year, 10 billion less than

it forecast in May. "The pause in growth has been overcome but faster growth isn't yet showing itself in higher tax revenue, the finance minister, Theo

Mr Waigel claims to have

Waigel admitted

built DM7 billion of spending

EMU membership. Israel provides

self-rule model Israel's prime minister, Bin-yamin Netanyahu, was poposes full Palestinian sovereignty and prefers a self-

rule entity on the model of Puerto Rico or Andorra. "I am against complete sovereignty and unrestrained in remarks published in Israel's Ha'aretz newspaper. - Reuter.

Shell critic killed

Claude Ake, one of Nigeria's leading critics of Shell and have died in a Boeing-727 crash near Lagos yesterday. Some 122 people, including have lost their lives, writes

Yeltsin on move

his recovery from Tuesday's quintuple heart bypass opera-

defence ministry a smaller

one than it might have feared. A finished budget draft will be put to the Bundestag's bud-

get committee next week, and

a final reading of the measure will be held in late November.

Mr Waigel appealed to state

and local authorities to help

him keep total borrowing be-

Fraud crackdown The Croatian government,

whose popularity is falling as it faces local elections next year, has suspended 33 party officials after a fraud inquiry, state media reported yesterday. - Reuter.

Tajikistan clashes United Nations military observers in Tajikistan said yes-terday they were "gravely dis-turbed" by ceasefire violations in the former Soviet republic between government forces and guerrillas from the

Islamist opposition. — Reuter. Minister quits

Turkey's interior minister, Mehmet Agar, resigned yes-terday after a scandal that pointed to links between the powerful security apparatus Yeltsin on move and a gangster wanted for po-President Borts Yeltsin left littical killings and drug deal-Moscow's cardiology research ing. The prime minister, Neccentre yesterday, moving to another hospital to continue link.—Reuter.

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Thirty female recruits tell of rape and harassment

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HE United States army was rocked by scandal yesterday, as more than 30 female recruits said they were victims of rape, forced sodomy and constant sexual harassment at a

military training college. Court martial proceedings are due to start against two drill sergeants and a captain at the Aberdeen Proving Ground's Ordnance Centre, in Maryland, after investigators found an epidemic of abuse, with women as young as 18 facing unwanted ad-vances, "love" letters and

rape.
"We are terribly, terribly concerned with what happened here." Major-General Robert Shadley said yesterday, announcing that pfileers had interviewed 550 current and former recruits and were aim. former recruits and were aiming to speak to 1,000 women. The revelations rival the Tailhook affair - the 1991

haps the most damaging sex | geant Nathanael Beach, aged scandal to engulf the military. | 32, held for improper rela-The Aberdeen case appears to be even graver, because the victims were new recruits and the alleged perpetrators the men they respected and

"We have a responsibility to look after our students and it breaks my heart when we don't," Gen Shadley said, add-ing that the army aimed to produce "leaders not lechers".

trusted most.

Officers said they anticipated further arrests, fearing that women who had gone Awol from Aberdeen in Awor from Aberdeen in recent years may have been fleeing harassment. But the top brass insisted there was no co-ordination between the suspects' actions. "We have no indication it's a ring." Gen Shadley said.

The charged men include Captain Derrick Robertson, aged 30, accused of rape, conduct unbecoming an officer, obstruction of justice, adultery and an improper relationship with a recruit; Tailhook affair — the 1991 Staff Sergeant Delmar Simppost-Gulf war party where son, aged 31, accused of multinavy aviators harassed their ple rapes, forcible sodomy female colleagues — as per-

32, held for improper rela-tions with female trainees. Investigators are puzzle how a string of sex crimes could have gone unreported for so long, and suspect that a

climate of fear intimidated

the women into silence.

Aberdeen — which trains troops straight from boot camp in the handling of battlefield ammunition and equipment — is the latest top military institution to be

linked with scandal. The Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, was recently shaken when a new female cadet admitted helping her boyfriend to murder a girl aged 16 with whom he had had a one-night stand. Annapolis's reputation has been fur-ther tarnished by the discovery of widespread sexual harassment, a drugs ring, and

cheating in a navy exam.

The military has long as serted it has "zero tolerance" of sexism. All male officers training" classes, which teach them not to make lewd jokes

and to avoid macho body-lan-guage. Yet systemic problems remain, insiders say.

TWA flight was not hit by 'friendly fire', says US

an Katz in New York

XASPERATED federal officials yesterday denied allegations that TWA 800 was accidentally shot down by a US navy

Persistent rumours that "friendly fire" caused the July 17 crash which killed all 230 people on board were given new life on Thursday night when Pierre Salinger, President Kennedy's White House spokesman, a claimed he had evidence that the jet was brought down by US

He shocked delegates at an aviation conference in Cannes by announcing that he had obtained a report by an American official "tied

Mr Salinger was forced to concede that the document which he said he acquired from a French intelligence agent — was the one which has been circulating on the Internet for weeks, and dismissed repeatedly

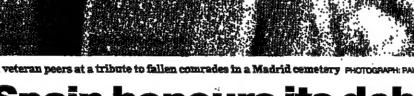
by the US authorities. James Kallstrom, the senior FBI agent heading the inquiry into the TWA disaster, said his agents had investigated the possibility that the jet was acci-dentally brought down by US forces, but had found "absolutely not one shred of evidence" to back up Mr

Salinger's claims. Conspiracy theories have proliferated since the plane exploded and crashed into the Atlantic off eastern Long Island, 20 minutes

been written by a US intelligence official surfaced on apparently authoritative details of how a navy cruiser on exercises off Long Island had acciden-

tally downed the jet. But federal investigators and the navy maintain that the closest missile cruiser, the USS Normandy, was 185 miles away from the aircraft — well out of range. and that none of its missiles were fired on the evening of the crash. With more than 90 per cent of the TWA wreckage recovered, crash investigators have still not established whether sabo-tage or mechanical failure

caused the disaster. The navy has turned the recovery effort over to scal-



Spain honours its debt to the foreign brigades

to the US secret service" into a flight from New which proved the Boeing York's JFK airport to 747 had been shot down by Paris. lop fisherman, who earlier this week brought to the surface an unexpectedly

which began in the early hours of Sunday morning. Thankfully nobody was hurt. Unfortunately some 60 crafts people lost their ods, including their premises, stock of finished work, expensive tools and equipment.

Adela Gooch in Madrid

WEEK of Spanish tributes to veterans of the International Brigades culminates in Barcelona and other cities this weekend.

Sixty years after volunteering to fight on the Republican side in the Spanish civil war, the veterans have received popular recognition from a country wary of its painful past but now mature enough to recognise the debt it owes

"Spain now turns its back on exterminating enemies and defends liberty and the cause of peace," the former Socialist prime minister Felipe González said at a cere-mony for 370 veterans, some of them back in Spain for the first time since the fighting

He accused the governing conservative Popular Party of distancing itself from the 10-day round of events. Neither the PP president of parlia-ment nor his deputy were did no present at a reception held in the chamber.

But the accusation was not entirely fair. Even after the death of General Franco and the election of a Socialist gov-ernment, International Brigades organisations had to fight hard for recognition from a society which prefers to look forward, rather than dwell on divisive memories.

Earlier this year, however, parliament voted to keep the republican prime minister Spanish nationality to all brigades veterans.

Historians estimate that 40,000 foreigners fought for the republican government after Franco's 1936 military uprising. The largest contin-gent was French, some 10,000 in all, but there were volunteers from almost all European countries — 2,000 from Britain — and from North and South America Many, but not all, were Communists. About half died.

courage and commitment to a said.

just cause; to show our grati tude for your generosity, and this tribute is no less sincere for being overdue," Joan Marcet, a Socialist member of the parliament's governing com-mittee, told the veterans as they received a certificate of their right to obtain Spanish

statebood. This could prove difficult for some, and jeopardise pension rights at home, but to all it was a moving gesture. A German brigade member, Ju-lius Goldstein, replied on be-half of his colleagues: "From this day on we will not just carry Spain with us in our

hearts, we will be Spanish men and women . . . this is the happiest day of my life." Later, at a ceremony at the tomb of the unknown soldier, Nate Thornton, a United States citizen, sat with his arm around fellow veteran Luis Rubiales, a Cuban. "We are both Spanish now," he

memories are of those who did not return or did not live long enough to take part in the commemoration.

Frida Knight, a British volunteer, died five weeks ago. aged 85, with the memory of a Spanish love still fresh in her mind. She went to Madrid in 1937 and worked as an interpreter and journalist. Her ashes were scattered, as she had wished, at the foot of a bridge, the Puente de los Franceses, while her former brothers in arms sang the Internationale. Rummaging among her pos-

sessions, her granddaughter found a book of Lorca's poetry with some faded violets tucked inside, a yellowing picture of an officer, and a letter which described how he had fallen at the puente. Milton Wolff, from the US, remembered dancing with the endary Communist leader La Pasionaria in Barcelona in

"The taxi driver who brought me here refused to charge me when he found out "It is time to recognise your | I was a brigades veteran," he

A VC at only 19, **Edward Dwyer was to** die in battle on the Somme 80 years ago. But he left a rare memorial. His voice.

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EEL PIE ISLAND FIRE APPEAL LAST SUNDAY IT BURNT TO THE GROUND. IT'S LEFT 60 PEOPLE GUTTED.

NELP US REBUILD OUR COMMENTY. The Studio complex on Twickenham's Eel Pie Island was burnt to the ground in a blaze

The appeal for cash donations is to offer immediate help to those in most dire

rerview: November 2 - 8



Bill Clinton is walking tall in his brand new cowboy boots after confirming that opinion polls do work by winning a second term in the White House. But he may find it hard to put together a new cabinet as he comes down off the emotional high of beating Bob Dole: in one poetic moment before the results came through on Tuesday, Clinton

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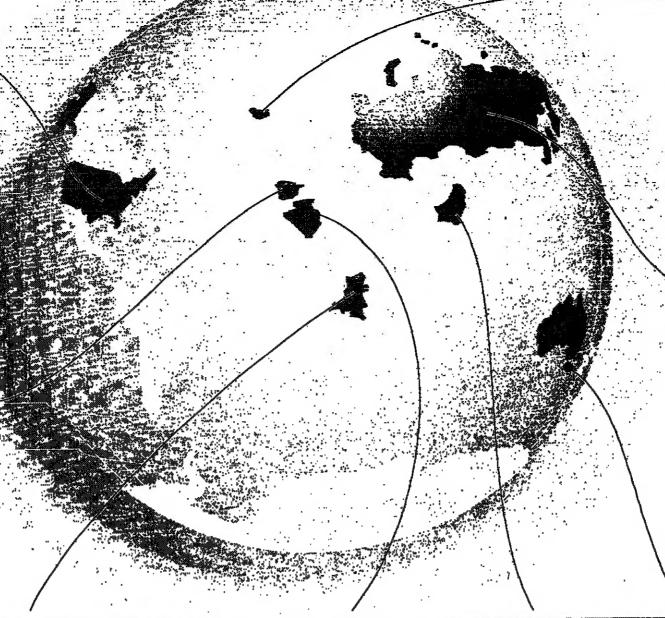
told a crowd that he ... was born "in a summe storm to a widowed mother in a little to in Arkansas" and ... though he had no. obvious prospect of had made it because "America gave me a chance." Foreign gove

are pleased that his victory will mean and stability and continuity in US policy. renouncing their own. citizenship as well as all the health and

> pension benefits available to them at.

International Brigade veterans were caught up in an unheroic public row as they arrived in Madrid to commemorate the 60th anniversary of their involvement on the Republican side in the Spanish civil war. The conservative government was accused of failing to pay homage to the old anti-fascist warriors and its offer of honorary citizenship fell embarassingly flat when the doughty veterans discover that under Spanish law





And it urged the UN

Security Council to

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possible. Officials of the

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refugees had nothing to

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who fled Rwanda in 1994

Tutal soldiers after Hutu

fearing revenge from

mobs slaughtered at

least half a million

minority Tutsis.

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Algerians are no strangers to horror but this week's tally has been exceptionally bloody: 31 people in a village south of Algiers had their throats slit on Tuesday night. Among those slaughtered was a newly-married man, his bride, and 10 other women. An estimated 50,000 people have been killed since violence erupted in January 1992 after the military government cancalled an election dominated by Islamic fundamentalists.

Pakistan's ousted prime

minister Benazir Bhutto, right, blamed President Faroog Leghari for leading a smear campaign against her. "Lies, lies, lies," she said of allegations that her government had let corruption run riot, undermined the judiciary and allowed the security forces to kill at will. Bhutto accused Leghari of arranging the abduction of her husband, Asif Ali Zardari, who is now in "protective custody", Ms B warned

that the president, her



former ally, might have trouble with his conscience: "For the rest of his life, he's going to be like Lady Macbeth, saying 'Out, damned spot'."

iceland's prime minister took the floor during a parliamentary debate to break the bad news that a subglacial volcanic explosion had unleashed a toment of black sulphurous water and debris that caused around £10 million worth of damage.

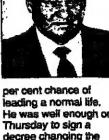
Eruptions in the Vatnajokuli icefield smashed a 1,300ft steel and concrete bridge and swept away power lines and parts of Iceland's coastal ring road. Premier David Oddsson said the disaster had set the country back 25 to 30

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Russia / / // III

Boris Yeltsin, right, could be back on the tennis court within four months after under going his quintuple heart bypass operation, but has been warned to take things easy. In a week of obsessive media interest in the Russian some hankered back to the bad old days when Soviet secrecy ensured that a Kremlin incumbent could be in the hands of the taxidermist before anyone noticed a oblem. Doctors say Mr Yeltsin, 65, is likely to survive for another 10 to 15 years - even with the odd drinking binge - and have a 60



leading a normal life. He was well enough on Thursday to sign a decree changing the name of Revolution Day - the anniversary of Lenin's seizure of power in 1917 - to the Day of Accord and Reconciliation. Could this have been a message to his Communist critics?

Adstralia

Bereaved relatives broke down and wept in a Tasmanian court after a smirking Martin Bryant, right, admitted Idiling 35 people at a Port Arthur beauty spot lest April. Bryant, who had previously pleaded not guilty, had run amok with a highpowered semiautomatic rifle he had concealed in a tennis bag. Psychologists said the confession would bring families of Bryant's victims badlyneeded relief from emotional suffering.





Zaire's escalating

refugee crisis brought

embarassingly public

recriminations between

stem governments

floundering to define the

limits of their involvement

in Central Africa. Britain's

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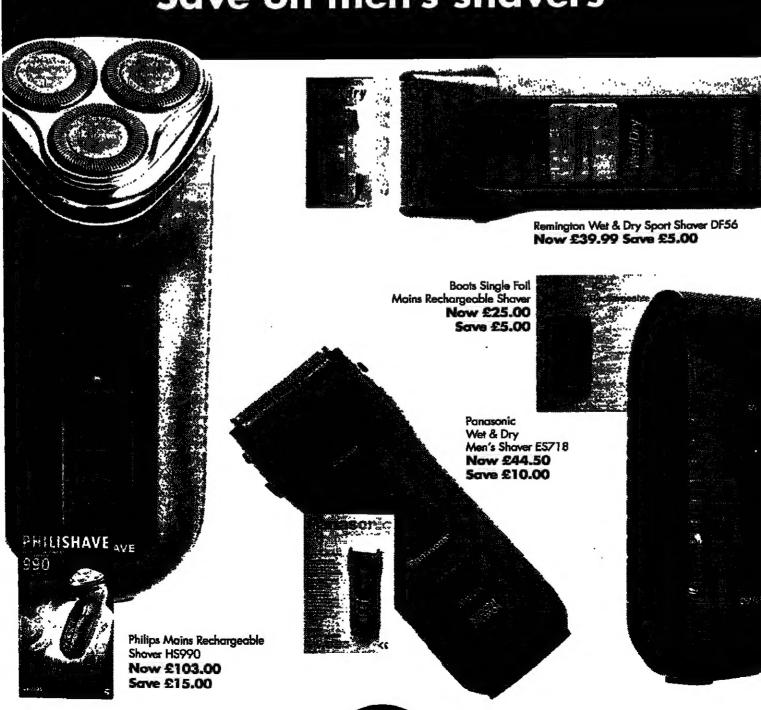
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called on the majority of

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Disaster hits passion boat

Postview

At least 19 prostitutes crammed into a cance in search of business were misssearch of business were mis-ing and feared drowned off the Sierra Leonean capital Freetown after the boat cap-sized, police sources said. The prostitutes were making for a cargo vessel and its Korean crew when the accident oc-

curred on Monday.

Prostitutes often cross the bay to anchored fishing and cargo vessels. This time their cance was overcrowded.

A hell of a crush French women were given two-year suspended prison sentences for barassing their former sports teachers for 13 years, declaring their love on the telephone day and night and hiring detectives to trace them when they moved.

"They were after us from morning to evening, and during the night. It was madness, hell," Patrick Sansas said after the Toulouse court hearing.

Heavy measures South Africans are sowing their gar-dens with landmines to pro-tect their homes against tect their homes against burglars, according to the Star newspaper. It quoted an unnamed "commodities dealer" as saying he had sold anti-personnel mines, including the Claymore fragmentation mine, via the paper's classified columns for £20 or less a niece.

less a piece. The Star said it would re-fuse more ads for landmines.

Long and short of it Phys-lologists at the University of North Dakota have discovered that a breed of mice one-third the size of normal laboratory mice live twice as long.

"It's very difficult to directly relate this research to humans". Holly Record.

to humans", Holly Brown-Borg said, "but a study in the early 1990s of 350-400 men found shorter men lived about five years longer than taller, heavier

Dangerous doorsteps Sales of bullet-proof vests have in-creased tenfold since the Thai general election campaign egan three weeks, ago, a Bangkok shop reported. "Most of our customers are

Legal gymnastics in China make the mind boggle

VEN Andrei Vyshinsky.
master of ceremonies for Stalin's ghoulishly elaborate show trials, would have admired the breathtaking,

stomach-churning leaps per-formed in the Beijing Interme-diate People's Court last week. Particularly mesmerising were the logical gymnastics of Wang Zhonghua, whose name and title as procurator grace the formal charge sheet against Wang Dan, a scrawny former Beijing University history student who led the first marches into Tiananmen

first marches into Tiananmen Square in 1989 and spent nearly four years in jail for his crimes.

Proving the transgressions of Tiananmen, though, had been easy. The new indictment against Wang Dan betrays the working of a far more supple and sophisticated legal mind.

It tackles head-on what might have seemed an impos-

might have seemed an impos-sible task — to establish how an unemployed youth, aged 27, threatened by words alone to subvert the Chinese state, which is protected by more than 3 million soldiers. To do the procurator's tal-ents full justice would require

a lengthy monograph. Their flavour, though, can be sam-pled and savoured. Take, for example, the following evidence of Wang Dan's determination to topple the govern-ment. "He falsely claimed that 'In the mainland today the authorities are imposing a news blockade against the people, and freedom of speech

opinion in support of the overthrow of the state power and the socialist system".

Such logic makes the head hurt. Think about it. For tell-ing what, thanks to the dili-gence of the procurator, we know to be lies about the ab-sence of free speech and a free press, Wang Dan will spend 11 more years in prison. The verdict was mostly un-

reported in the state-run Chinese media. The trial received rather more coverage in the foreign press. The China Daily, a self-declared bastion of the principles whose denial subversion.

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Andrew Higgins

ended Wang Dan in so much trouble, explained why. "One clue lies in the fact that those [foreign] journalists do not know what is really going on in China," the paper said in a commentary a day after the trial.

day after the trial.

The best cure for such ignorance, the China Daily advised, was the example of Edgar Snow, the celebrated American journalist, author and "friend of China". So deep was his knowledge of what was "really going on" that, on a trip to China in 1961, he could assure the world that he had seen 'nothing that looks like old-time ing that looks like old-time famine". In fact, more than 30 million died in the most murderous man-made famine of

the modern age. the modern age.

But even Snow's classic and gushingly sympathetic account of Mao Zedong and his guerrilla army, Red Star Over China, was banned for years.

It was then issued in an expression of the Company of the Company is the company of the c purgated form for Communist Party officials. Only after 1979, 40 years after it was written and seven years after Snow's death, could ordinary

Snow's death, could ordinary Chinese buy a copy.

"In his reportage, Edgar Snow wrote exactly what he witnessed." intoned the China Daily. "What the Western media are doing now is the opposite of what Edgar Snow did 60 years ago."

But what was Snow doing 60 years ago? He was in Beijing writing articles denouncing

ing writing articles denounc-ing the Kuomintang govern-ment for persecuting idealistic young Chinese fired by much the same subversive spirit as Wang Dan.

As a student-led protest movement mushroomed in the spring and summer of 1936, Snow wrote an account of how he and his wife had helped trigger a nationwide uprising against the Chinese government: We Spark a

Stirring up the students

HE free speech movement of 1964 on the University of California's Berkeley campus was the first widely publicised student "uprising" of the 1960s. Inspired by the civil rights movement and before the sourcess induced by the Victorians of the public that the courses induced by the Victorians of the courses induced by the Victorians of sourness induced by the Vietnam war, it came at a time when students really believed they could make a new world. It also coincided with the dawn of the computer age, when, in California, dissatisfaction with the impersonality of the 27,000-strong state "multiversity" was growing. "Do not fold, spindle, or mutilate," became a student slogan as protesters pinned IBM punch cards to their chests

Mario Savio, who has died aged 53 of heart failure, was the orator of that movement, caught on a cusp of the decade. His contribution was a fierce insistence on honesty and democratic participation in decision making, and he set — or perhaps articulated
 the moral tone of the time. The key moment came on December 2 1964 as students marched into Sproul Hall on Berkeley's campus for the first sit-in of the 1960s. It was an action which led to the state's largest ever arrest, of

"There is a time," he de-clared, "when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take and you've got to put your bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatus and you've got to make it stop. And you've got to indicate to the people who run it, to the people who own



Striking a chord . . . SIIvio (right) addresses a student sit-in at Berkeley. Months of expulsion and unrest followed

from working at all." were so convoluted that, off the podium or climbing down from the police car roof, it was often painful to listen to him. Yet outdoors before thousands of people, he gained the power to articu-late their most idealistic yearnings briefly, simply — and with no stutter.

It was in September 1964 that Savio returned to Berke-ley from the "freedom summer" with the civil rights movement in Mississippi. It was at the time that black and white activists were fighting to destroy "Jim Crow", to register black voters and break the institutionalised racism of the south. They met with violence in

nia meanwhile had been helping the union leader Ce-sar Chavez organise the

machine will be prevented state's farm workers. Some were asking as they returned Savio was a stutterer to campus why they worked whose sentences and thought three months for striking grape pickers and then for nine months studied agrabusiness for the growers. "Am I," came the question, "really going to spend my adult life breeding square tomatoes?" The University of Califor

nia, under its then president

Clark Kerr, was seen by many as the future of higher education and Kerr indeed called himself the "captain of the bureaucracy". The battle which ensued became a mirror of the battle between cor-porate and collective visions. All student groups were in-formed that the strip of pub-lic sidewalk where campus organisations traditionally leafleted actually belonged to the university. They were now forbidden to collect money for their cause or to distribute leaflets advocating off-campus action such as



related the ban to moneyed forces like California's agra-business. Less political students were complaining about the soullessness of the system. The talent of Mario Savio was to combine an economic analysis with an expression of the students' de-sire for an education and a life — as opposed to a lifestyle - that would equip them to do something useful

chord that resonated with groups that ranged from an-archists and communists to Democrats, Republicans and

the sorority council.
Through months of expulsion and arrest none of the groups wavered from the Free Speech Movement's demand that they be allowed to exercise the freedom of the 1st and 14th amendments of the

Buren school in Queens. He

racy spirit of the times Savio was appalled to be labelled the FSM's "leader" and declined to give interviews. We would often see him striding,

then literally running away from knots of journalists. He was born of working class parents in New York and graduated at the top of his class from Martin Van

tan College and studied there and at Queens College before going on to Berkeley to read philosophy in 1963.



quently made by vote at outdoor meetings of 10,000. On a committee deciding the order of speakers, or the route of a march, Savio was one among equals. Far from being the strategist, his thinking was so childlike that we some times had to explain to him "Vote for insanity, you know it makes sense," has been the that when the march arrived at point B it would no longer slogan of Screaming Lord David Sutch in many of his 40 His great contribution to elections since he first stood FSM strategy was a fierce insistence on the truth. The for Parliament in 1963 in John Profumo's ex-constituency. He then represented the National Teenage Party, which mutated into the Official Monster

idea of deceit was so strange to him that he was at first uncomprehending then pro-foundly hurt that his oppo-nents could lie to him. Raving Loony Party — clearly too same since it beat the SDP He was determined to take no advantage of the fame that in the 1990 Bootle by-election had come, undeservedly he thought, when he was singled later). Sutch, 56 tomorrow, is at present in that slough which afflicts politicians in out as a leader. By the time that the FSM was victorious he had been expelled, suspended, and then reinstated by the university.

be at point A

There was truth to his contention that he was not the FSM's strategist. Tactical decisions - sit in, strike, go home and wait - were fre-

Subsequently he worked around Berkeley as a book store clerk and bartender. Eventually he began taking private maths students and then taught in schools. In 1984 he took a bachelor's degree in physics from San Francisco State University followed by a masters. He taught at the university betaught at the university be-fore going on to Sonoma State University where he was teaching mathematics and philosophy at the time of his

In 1994 he attended a 30-years-on reunion of the Berkeley protesters. His political opionions had not changed. But he remained bristlingly sensitive however to the notion that someone became his friend or employed him because he was

"that" Mario Savio. His first marriage to Suzanne Goldberg, by whom he had a son, ended in divorce. He then married Lynne Hollander and they had two sons.

Mario Savio, activist, born December 8 1942; died November 6

ing President Havel as the

loved London where, with his

wry humour, he felt at home, and where, with his wife

Lotta, who survives him, they were such splendid hosts to a

mid-career: the initial reform-ing zeal dissipated as parties in power borrowed the Loony agenda — votes for the young and new radio franchises; he has passed through the years when electroneering provided celeb companionship (as when he stood alongside Cynthia Payne of the Payne and Pleasure Party in 1988 — she got 193 votes, he 61); he has had the financial scandal, when Barclays threatened him with property debt. Now there's rust the party admin — ORMLP has five councillors. including the deputy mayor of Ashburton in Devon — until tric: did you know he's already Britain's longest serving politician"

Today's birthdays: David Constant, cricket umpire, 55; Ronald Harwood, novelist, playwright, 62: Katharine Hepburn, actress, 87: Hedy Lamarr, actress, 83; Hugh Leonard, playwright, 70; Roger McGough, poet, 59; Tony Slattery, writer and actor, 37; Donald Trelford, former editor, the Observer, 59; Marina Warner, writer and critic, 50; Tom Weiskopf,

Tomorrow's other birthdays: Paul Bley, jazz musician. 64; Robert Carrier, restaurateur and writer, 73; Donya Fioren-tino, model, 29; Don Henderson, actor, 64; Sir Giles Loder, vice-president, Royal Horticultural Society, 82; Sir Tim Rice, lyricist, 52; Prof Tony Ridley, president of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 63; Viscount Runciman of Doxford, chairman, Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, 62: Sir Alfred Sherman, co-founder, Centre for Policy

Lars-Ake Nilsson

A friend to Britain

53 of Lars-Ake Nilsson, Swedish Ambassador to the Court of St James, Sweden has lost one of its astutest and most senior diplomats, and Britain — something not invariably the case with Swedes — an enthusias-tic friend and admirer.

Since returning to London in February 1995 for this second tour — his first had been as political counsellor in the turbulent early Thatcher years — Nilsson had taken up with gusto the new openings Sweden's brand-new member-ship of the European Union gave for a wider and deeper relationship with the United Kingdom. There were to be some knocks, particularly follower of British horse rac-when John Major embarked ing and judicious with his

Face to Faith

Philip Conford

T THE HEART of every political theory lies a

philosophy of human

nature, and despite the post-Christian, multi-faith culture

of contemporary Britain, poli-

ticians still derive their philos

ophy from Christian teaching. For Margaret Thatcher, Chris-

tianity's importance lay in its

spiritual nature of individuals,

who are required to answer to God for what they make of

themselves. For Tony Blair,

"Christianity is more than a

tween the individual and God

. . The relationship also has to

Christianity owes much to the

one-to-one relationship be-

be with the outside world." Blair's understanding of

philosophy of the Scottish thinker John Macmurray

(1891-1976), who believed the

quate as a theory of human

individualistic outlook inade

nature, and profoundly irreli-

gious. He took a diametrically

opposed view to his fellow-phi-

losopher, Whitehead, who as-

ness. For Macmurray, religion is concerned with personal relationships, and to believe in

God is to see personality, rather than physical matter or organic life, as the key to an

understanding of the world.

Macmurray wanted to reverse the direction taken by

Western philosophy since Descartes declared, "I think, therefore I am". In Macmurray's view, the identification of the

Self with an isolated being who

exists only as a mind has been

serted that religion is what people do with their solitari-

emphasis on the unique and

over BSE, but Nilsson was a masterly defuser of tensions, and even pretensions of orime ministers.

And, fascinated by the infighting of politics, and the onset of the UK's near-permanent election campaign, Nils-son was not only an habitue of our Tory and Labour annual conferences and the fringes. He was characteristi-cally diligent in ensuring he and his government made thorough contacts with Tony Blair and Robin Cook and the rest of the Labour leadership; on the evening of Nilsson's death from a heart attack, David Blunkett had been about to arrive as one of his dinner guests. But as a keen follower of British horse rac-

extremely misleading. From that starting point, the exis-tence of other beings cannot be established, and nor can the

existence of God. He concluded

the development of philosophy

since the time of Descartes has made atheism inevitable.

All philosophy is by its na-ture theoretical, but Macmur-

theorise from the standpoint of an embodied person who acts

in a shared world of other em-bodied persons. He distin-guished between the individ-ual and the person: the person

exists, ard is fulfilled, through

relating to others. Descartes claimed to doubt the existence

of other beings, but such doubt, argued Macmurray, could only be a pretence.

The awareness of ourselves as isolated individuals makes relationships problematic. If

relationships problematic. If

we believe that our identity and our fulfilment are to be

found in our separateness we

shall be negative in our atti-tude towards them. They will

appear as a threat, and we will

want either to overcome them

or to escape from them. Mac-

gion as conquering this fear,

faith being a positive motiva-tion which works towards the

creation of community. Christianity's emphasis on the allenating effects of sin, on for-giveness, and on the celebra-

tion of communion, demon-

relationships.
To suggest that human beings are fulfilled by becoming

'self-moving makers of their

own destinies" is nonsense ac-cording to Macmurray's phi-losophy, and a society based on

strates the importance of

murray saw the task of reli-

ray believed that we should

We're all in this together



Nilsson: defuser of tensions

bets, Nilsson had not yet even privately written off the Tories, whatever the polls

Nilsson had gone back to ambassadoring after serving as the Swedish Foreign Ministry's highest civil servant a position having the functions both of permanent secretary and junior minister. To be ambassador again after having scaled the heights at home, is not so unusual as it is here. And in Nilsson's case, be had set his heart on having the London embassy.

He had, from our point of view, perhaps a flatteringly exaggerated view of us as one

competition and individual self-interest will be inherently

Thatcher came to power on a

wave of anti-collectivism and encouraged individuals to

make their own way, free from a sense of obligation to society

at large. Macmurray's thought can

provide a new paradigm for social relationships. Accord-

ing to his analysis of human nature, we do not find our

the collective or in creating our own private worlds. Then

is no disapproval of self-fulfil-ment involved here — quite

the contrary. The point is that such fulfilment can be

achieved only in co-operation

with other people; we need others in order to be ourselves.

XHORTATIONS to altru-ism are unlikely to have

much effect in the cur-

rent climate, but Macmurray's ideas could, paradoxically,

make an appeal to self-interest, since they offer the promise of personal reward. If the price of

our individualistic society is

the pervasive mistrust and hostility which seem endemic

in Britain, then we have cre-ated a world which diminishes

our humanity, and we are the losers as a result. Our unique-ness flourishes when we recog-

nise our dependence on others.

When we think of our identity

have a more enriching view of what it means to be human.

Macmurray's philosophy

does not provide any precise indications as to how Blair's

"New Britain" might be cre-

as stemming from an aware-ness of "You and I" we shall

identity either in merging with

of the most civilised and sophisticated societies he could conceive of Extraordiour traditions, the sense of pomp and state, and enjoyed invitations to Buckingham Palace much as he delighted in earthter things British, professional football as well as racing

prime minister. Carl Bildt. The 1991-94 period was frenetic. It was when the fabled "Swedish model" of the dy-namic economy and the welnamic economy and the fare state definitively hit the rocks: a time for Conservative cutbacks both in spe

and taxes, and a parallel expe-rience for Sweden's leaders of the UK's trauma over the European Exchange Rate Mechanism. The outcome has been, essentially as it has been here, a wait-and-see position on Europe's comm currency. That crisis experience of government put all Sweden's leaders to the test, and his colleagues say Nils-

Born at Eslov, and gradust- | US in the Vietnam war, Nilsing in economics from Lund son was one of a handful who University, he was a true south Swedish province of Scania which has spawned so many Swedish leaders in all fields, A high-flyer in the for-eign office, Nilsson's most ex-

citing early service came in Washington in 1973. With President Nixon having Moscow embassy at the time respected for his diplomatic realled ambassadors and put realled ambassadors and put relations in deep freeze in this being at the halm during his country's still hotly of Prime Minister of Gorbachev's rise to power and perestroiks; and as ambassadors to Czechoslovakia of Czechoslo

relationship with the emerg-Soviet empire came to an end. And finally back to his bekept contacts alive and flourishing even as the Nixon White House foundered in Watergate. He later conducted post-Vietnam trouble-shooting diplomatic missions which still remain secret.

"Lord take my soul, but the struggle continues."

Ken Saro-Wiwa, hanged by the Nigerian Government, 10 November 1995.

that, for change to occur, we need a new attitude towards social relations. By providing a moral theory which synthesises self-fulfilment and reciprocal responsibility, Macmur ray shows us a way out of the

ated, nor should it. But Blair is surely correct in believing

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Death Notices

present impasse.

VELLARD, Micels, 6th November, aged 43. Beloved designer of Sybil and Frances and the tate John Velifard, sister of Shan. 18th November, 3pm, Streethern Vale Cremen-rium. Donesions to a nominated charity. rium. Donesions to a nominated charity.

OGDEN R S L Ogden non MSE aged 81, peacetally at home non 16th November. A dedicated Socialist, his principled stand against poverty and injustice, his long course on the humour were an inspiration to us all. For 55 years the practous tuthand and commade of Elizabeth. Much lowed tetter of Sheits, Cert, Tessa and their husbands and dear grandad of Katle. Daniel and Noran. Funeral on Tuesday November 12th st Lodge Hill Cramatorium. Elimpingham, at Lobpen. No flowers please, but donations to The Carers Support Lind, Patients Amenty Fund, Moseley Hell Hospital, Birmingham 13; The Moming Star or Anneaty International would be appreciated. HANNA Jes, on 7 November 1996, peace-sity after a short illness. Beloved histoand of Sylvia and tather of Paul. Funeral at Bregispeer Cremetorium, Ricella, 10.05am on Thursday 14 November. Family flowers

WEDGWOOD, Grahbra Peter, after a long timese at his name in Bawtry, on November Oth. spee 60 years. The dearly loved has-hand of Jamel, leither of Maris, Poul and Daniel, tather-in-law of Jenniter and El-Daniel, lather-in-law of Jennifer and E-speth. Service to take place at Hall Gaza United Reformed Cluech, Doncaster, on Thuraday November 14th, at 2.45pm, fol-lowed by cremision at Rosa Hist. Doncas-ter, at 3.30pm. Permity Revers only. Dona-lons it desired, maybe sant to The Impertal Cancer Research Fund, clo W.E. Pinder & Son, 19 Thome Road. Bewty. Doncaster DN19 60z. Tel: 01302 710285. It is a year since Ken Saro-Wiwa was hanged after an unfair, biased 'trial'. In Nigeria, forty-three prisoners of conscience remain in prison and in grave danger.

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A framework for Zaire

Avoiding the cost of disaster

THE ZAIREAN CRISIS is not wholly beyond solution: there is some measure of agreement, even between Zaire and Rwanda, upon the most important objective. What is lacking so far is more than a token sense of urgency. Yesterday's meeting between John Major and Jacques Chirac in Bordeaux managed to produce an agreed statement which set out the same objective: that the Rwandan refugees in Zaire should be assisted to return voluntarily "to their country of origin." But it was sadly short on specifics. It invoked the need to work within the framework of the UN Security Council. but shows no concern that the Council has yet to establish any framework at all.

The Rwandan foreign minister said yesterday that his government was committed to seeing the safe return of all Rwandan refugees from Zaire. He renewed the appeals which his government in Kigali has regularly made for them to come home. The sad fact is that these have had virtually no effect so far, for both good and bad reasons. The Hutu refugees have been deterred by a profound sense of uncertainty over their economic future in Rwanda: the mechanisms for reclaiming land and jobs, and restoring normal life, barely exist. They have also been deterred by the apprehension of reprisals from the Tutsi-led government or the risk of being thrown into death-prisons on charges - true or false of having participated in the 1994 massacres.

These disincentives can only be reduced if not dispelled by a massive programme of aid and reconstruction to Rwanda which the international community has not yet been willing to commit. If nothing else, that is what the Security Council should be meeting urgently to pledge. For if wholescale repatriation of the refugees has seemed unrealistic over the past two years, the horrific developments of the past two weeks have perversely made it more achievable. Now that the camps in Zaire have broken up, the majority of Hutu refugees who are innocent of past complicity in the massacres are less subject to control and intimidation by the militia members who were guilty. Even as the refugees head deeper into Zaire, increasing numbers will become aware that this is the wrong direction. They also stand little chance as they now compete with indigenous Zairean refugees who have also fled the border fighting.

The Zairean government, such as it is, has also endorsed for obvious reasons the need for a mass return home of the refugees. Western governments have shown remarkable complacency in allowing this fractured country to bear - for two years - a refugee burden which no European country would tolerate for two minutes. The result has been to destabilise eastern Zaire and encourage the spread of racial conflict there leading to the armed backlash of the indigenous Tutsis. The situation would be hard enough to get under control in a politically stable society: reports that President Mobutu may seize on the crisis to return Kinshasa in the name of promoting "national unity" suggest more complications ahead. The position of prime minister Kengo wa Dondo has already been weakened because of his own part-Tutsi origin, and a new military coup cannot be ruled out. These possibilities underline the need for urgent international action.

Bill Clinton is back in the White House and there is no excuse not to refocus attention on the Zaire-Rwandan crisis. It will be costly and difficult to arrange a comprehensive programme of resettlement with adequate guarantees and the agreement of all parties. But in a humanitarian crisis of this kind, with huge implications for the political stability of the whole region, no cost is too high and no effort too great.

A dubious entente

Oh yes, now it's the French disease

FEW THINGS can be so galling to the French as being lectured by the British on the subject of economic policy and not being able to find strong counter arguments. On the eve of the Anglo-French summit this week, John Major pointed out to his hosts that youth unemployment was nearly twice as high in France as in Britain and that the number of strikes in Britain had fallen to the lowest level ever while in France many public services had been paralysed by strikes. He told Premier Alain Juppé that Britain had one of the strongest economies seen for generations. And to cap it all when Mr Major gave his by now traditional rant against Europe's plans to impose a 48 hour week, French President Jacques Chirac sprang a complete surprise. He agreed with him. The entente cordiale isn't dead. just biding its time. Meanwhile, an article in Le Figaro warned that hundreds of French companies could be tempted to relocate to Britain because of low labour costs and lack of legislation on working conditions.

The French economy used to regularly outpace that of Britain. Since 1990 average growth in both countries has been lacklustre but the gap has widened in the UK's favour since Britain was ejected from the Exchange Rate Mechanism and France simultaneously sacrificed all economic objectives to the back-breaking goal of meeting the Maastricht criteria. As a result France shows a clean pair of heels to Britain on financial indicators (inflation is only 1.6 per cent). But unemployment is a socially explosive 12.6 per cent and the whole economy is growing at barely 0.5 per cent a year. France is, however, sporting a trade balance of \$22 billion against the UK's deficit of almost the same amount. But that's because French people have stopped buying everything including imports. The only bright spot is that the franc has suddenly become weaker against the pound - a factor that may boost export growth. Otherwise France — which by hitching its currency to the German mark, has become a guinea pig for monetary union - remains a very poor advertisement for Maastricht. Definitely a case of After You, Jacques.

It is curious, yellow A text beyond all price

THIS IS a postage-stamp leader. It is uniquely small and boring. Just like the \$2.26 million "Treskilling Yellow", it is also very valuable. Cut out now and leave to your grandchildren.

How Blair can attract women

LTHOUGH Tony Blair came bottom of the list with his peech to the party conference in October (Blair's bad hair day, November 7), he was neck and neck with Paddy Ashdown in MORI's poll on way he is doing the job of leader and well ahead of John

Major.
When women enter the polling booth, Tony Blair's hairdo will be irrelevant. They will be thinking about his policies, how they will affect their lives and whether they trust him. Nearly one quarter of all women have not yet made up their minds how they are go-ing to vote and, at the last elec tion, 16 per cent of women made up their minds in the last few days. This is the key gender gap for all the politica

In the US election campaign, Clinton's support for family leave, the treatment of breast cancer, the minimum wage, equal pay and educ-ation were all important when women considered how to

T APPEARS that the Govern-ment is saying that, although ordinary citizens remain

under a duty to tell the truth to committees of the House of

Commons (Civil servants need not tell MPs the truth, say min-

cause such an obligation might

undermine their "professional political impartiality". Tens of

have recently been moved into over 100 executive agencies.

They also, it would seem, are

tell the truth to Parliament.

And what about telling the truth to the ordinary citizens?

The reply also states that there

is no Access to Government In

formation. I have just received

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absolving themselves from tell

Coming as it does on the eve

of some important hearings by

the Select Committee on Stan-

dards and Privileges, the Gov-ernment's official reply to the Public Services Select Commit

show leadership in upholding

tee seems a curious way to

standards in public life.

Christopher Price.

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ng me the truth?

glossy leaflet on this Code with phone numbers of named civil servants in it. When I ring

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vote. Clinton made policy promises on all these issues and promoted them in his campaign. The family-leave initiative proved very popular among men as well as women.

in the UK, however, there is still little sign that any of our political parties feel comfortable talking directly about the way in which their policies affect women. They all prefer to pretend that there is little difference in the referition of difference in the priorities of women and men. But this loesn't make sense given that the life experience of most women is still very different to that of men. As Richard Thomas's

article points out, the min-imum wage is a key issue for women because the majority of low-paid workers are women. Similarly pensions is the most important issue for the most important issue not women over 55 because nearly two-thirds of women pension-ers are struggling to get by either below or just above the income support level. So let's leave hairstyles to the fashion pages, and concen-trate on which party offers the

ARK Lawson (With God on their side, November

6) draws attention to religion and our national football team.

but of course it is playing an

increasing role in national politics, especially in what passes for educational policy.

Our two daughters go to

nner city state schools, Beck-

ford Primary and Hampstead

Comprehensive, both of which provide lessons about the many religions the pupils' families practice. This sensible

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We are happy for our chil-dren to learn about different

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religions. We would not be

collective acts of worship.

collective worship.

best policies for both women Shelagh Diplock. Director, The Fawcett Society, 45 Beech Street, London EC2Y 8AD.

ORI's latest figures show that while Blair's personal satisfaction rating amonest women has sharply declined, women are still more satisfied with him than the other party.

Amongst young women under 25 there is now a 50 per cent gap between Labour and the Tories and, although this gap narrows amongst older women, Labour is still in the lead amongst all age groups of women, even the demograph-ically numerous 55-plus age band. For the first time since 1945, Labour is directly challenging the Conservative Par ty's plan to be the natural

None of this means that New Labour can afford to be complacent. Blair needs to work harder to tackle issues that are relevant to women

true religion, or at best that

any religion is better than no religion. School should be con-

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with indoctrination or super-

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against children who talk only to people who are.

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children who talk to other

Brian Butterworth.

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ones are more likely to appear.

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London NW6 1TH.

We regret we cannot

and to avoid a macho style. But things are much worse for the Tories, since all the signs are now pointing to a genera-tional switch away from the Tories amongst young women (but not young men), not least because of the Torles' espousal of traditional values

vomen. The real story is the fact that almost a quarter of women have not yet decided how they will vote at the next election. They alone could de-termine its outcome. Helen Wilkinson. Demos, 9 Bridewell Place, London ECAV 6AP.

CLINTON wins because of the women's vote. Bill gets 55 per cent: Bob and Ross 45 per cent combined. Women in America make up 52 per cent of the population but 54 per cent of the vote. It's something British party leaders could well keep in

mind. What we need next is women demanding something for themselves: minimum pay, non-contributory pen-

sions, equal pay for work of equal value, hard-hitting sex-ual-harassment laws, good childcare and good eldercare. We should emulate Sweden and vote in a 50 per cent fe-male cabinet. Then Parlia-

ment might be responsive to Tim Symonds. and their failure to promote 46 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG. So we women over 55 do not think when we vote?

We are not shocked by dire poverty alongside obscene wealth, by homelessness, the Social Fund or the Asylum Act? We don't mind the NHS being run for accountants not patients, and arrogant MPs elling teachers how to teach? No. All we care about is Tony Blair's hairdo or whether John Major needs mothering. Frankly, if the

Guardian of all papers contin ues to pander to this rubbish, it will lose all its women

Mary G Goldsmith. 33 Lindsay Avenue, Hitchin, Herts.

Why British Gas stinks

IKE Norman Westmore (Letters, November 5) I had 13 years of trouble-free servicing contracts with British Gas until all human logic disappeared with the company's administrative split in July. My direct debits were four times what they should have been. Nobody wanted to know: the new administration lamed the old administration. In desperation, I stopped the mandate until finally British Gas admitted its mistake and refunded me, and the mandate was renewed

on a revised number.
Problem solved? Not likely. British Gas continued to attempt to debit the old, stopped number and, as no payments were recorded, my service contract became vold. All available British Gas telephone numbers were left ringing, faxes were engaged or switched off. In one 24-hour period, over 50 attempts were made to fax the administra-

tion office in Glasgow. It seems to me that the new, fragmented company is ignor-ing its customers and its Gov-Susan M Debbage. 3 Chester Street, Norwich NR22AY.

HAT is the matter with British Gas? Are they

low cunning? I too failed to hear from them this August as I reliably did when they were in the public sector. I, too, had to phone to request a boiler service as was due under my contract. The date then set passed without any service and more phone calls were necessary before the service was provided.

My elderly mother in Kent had a similar experience in the same month — except that she had to phone her board for two full days before anyone enswered. Her service, too, took place after the yearly

contract date. Is this a new ploy by British Gas to save on costs? Will we now find that the next service date has mysteriously shifted to give them a free year? Jan Church. 66 Romsey Road, Winchester, Hampshire.

WAS invited to renew a sera vice contract for a house in Barrow-in-Furness. I tried to telephone British Gas but the lines were constantly engaged. Four letters went unan

I have cancelled my

R L Briggs. 6 Oxenholme Road, Cumbria LA97NJ.

Cracks in a hollow Shell

YOUR article (Shell has human rights rethink, November 8) may have given the impression that statements by Shell would be sufficient to rectify its failure to demon-strate that it is serious about human rights in Nigerta. Not so. In our joint statement with Pax Christi on November 7, we also called upon Shell to: Acknowledge publicly that the Ogoni 19 continue to face the prospect of a grossly un-fair trial and to call for the abolition of the special tribunal due to try them:

Join in the public condemnation of the life-threatening prison conditions in which they are being held;

Ensure that no weapons are purchased or funded by Shell for the Niperian police where they may be used to commit human-rights abuses;

• Revise its "rules of engagement" for police seconded to work on Shell property, which currently fall far short of international standards: ternational standards; Agree procedures with credible representatives of the

Niger Delta communities, for resolving disputes Finally, in the context of mounting tension in Rivers State, we call upon Shell to put pressure on the Nigerian gov-ernment to respect the right of all Nigerians peacefully to commemorate Ken Saro-Wiwa on the anniversary of his death tomorrow. Jon Lunn. Researcher,

Amnesty International, 1 Easton Street. London WCIX 8DJ.

C AYING you respect Ohuman rights and show-ing that you do are two differ-ent things. Shell needs inde-pendently audited statements from its stakeholders. Shell needs social accounting. Graham Young. General Director. Kingsway North, Tyne & Wear NEII ONE.

Taking leave...

A N FE College holiday re-cord card for lecturers: "Any question of carrying over more than three days is to be determined by mutual agreement between you and your line manager subject to the exigen-cies of the service within the management structure of the college as delegated by the corporation to the principal." Sounds like man-agement bollocks speak to me. Roy Pennington. Hendon Street, Brighton BN2 2EG.

_earning curve for parents and kids

He wasn't there again today

MANIFESTO

AS the election approaches. our series Another Manifesto will continue to give readers a chance to inject constructine ideas into political debate. Nearer the election, a panel will udge those ideas which most leserve to be taken up by our

be given mandatory lessons in parenting and new parents offered support LL CHILDREN should and instruction in child-rear ing. At school, children should have a minimum of two years' cooking classes 49 Preston Parade.

Whitstable, Kent.

UST over 70 years ago the Peckham Experiment began with the setting up in that South London borough of the first Family Health Club.
The founders believed that the I NSTEAD of blowing puntunit of living is not the individual but the family, the real building block of any stable

They discovered through the regular health overhauls they gave to the 112 families who first joined the scheme, that it was not enough to eradicate the ailment. Cures were in many cases useless if the individual was returned to the environmental conditions which had induced the disease. So the next stage was a health centre, including sport and recreation facilities, designed to meet the needs of families as they grow; it opened in 1935 and closed because of the war in 1939.

sincere in their present pro-testations, here is the tested

There could be no better way

of making the family the heart

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of real community living.

19 Clarendon Road.

National Lottery on some fin de siècle piss-up, why not spend it on something which yould take us into the second millennium with more to show than just a ferris wheel? As of January 1, 2000, let's all start driving on the right side of the road, as most foreigners do. This would provide lots of work altering car steering wheels and traffic lights. The Government could even set up

a steering committee. John J McCabe. HM Prison Glenochil, Tullibody, Clackmannanshire FK103AD.

MY PROPOSAL for North-ern Ireland rests on a recognition that nation-state and constitutions are human facts. The six counties shall be a part *simultaneously* of the UK and of the Republic of Ireland. The two states will, as it were, overlap. Each Northern Ireland resi-

dent will choose whether to

remain British or adopt Irish choice, they will in effect be living in two countries at the same time and will be subject to the laws of both but liable for the taxation and entitled to the public services (except police services) only of their own. For all police functions there will be institutionalise co-operation between the RUC and the Garda. For British subjects cross-

ing the border and for Irish citizens travelling to and from Britain the normal regulations will apply, but for the latter, apart from showing evidence of nationality when crossing north to south, the border will effectively cease to exist. AS Barlow. Icknield Drive Gants Hill. Liford.

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A Country Diary

ARNAMURCHAN: Looking due north from Sanna Bay. more then six miles to the basalt shore of Muck, nearest of the Small Isles. Is Muck my favourite Hebridean island? Maybe not quite - it's a shade too small to be ideal. Grand to explore and climb the sea cliffs, especially on the south coast, where the Atlantic rolls in on winds unhindered for 3,000 miles. There always seem to be white horses ap-proaching Camas Mor, and lancing spray on the rocks there, where cormorants hang out their wings to dry. On a recent morning of bright light reflected from shining seas and iridescent cloud flecks we looked to the Small Isles and saw the prospect as fresh as a John Cunningham canvas, whose landscape work on this west coast employs such bold, rich colour and dynamic brush strokes. There was the low profile of Muck, the cock's comb of Rhum peaks and Eigg's unmistakable Sgeir. Far away the midnight blue of

I Skye Cullin crests: close before us the orange strand and the British mainland, it's little | Scottish Blackfaces, ewes and lambs among the seaweed. It seemed appropriate that we saw this island landscape now, because this month marks the centenary of the arrival of Robert Thomson MacEwen as the new owner of Eigg and Muck. His great nephew still lives at Gallanch on Muck, maintaining the con-tinuity and good husbandry that neighbouring Eigg has lost in the last 30 years. Even here, though, on this quiet paradise island, life is affected by outside pressures. No one wants the crop of Muck's fat cattle this year, though there's sure demand for all the lambs raised on the sweet sward of basalt terraces overlooking the restless western ocean. R T MacE could never have imagined his descendant's life here now; for his part, in a tomb on Castle Island, Rigg— "the most beautiful grave-site in all the Hebrides"—all is

ROGER REDFERN

Turning the clock back at the eleventh hour



Mark Lawson

RTISTS who produce work about the Holo-caust have often been accused of "hitching a lift on the cattle trucks", gaining unearned moral gravitas by association with a tragic happening. This week, many in British politics, business and the media have been making a similar journey: hanging on the wings of a Spittire, riding pillion on the Normandy landing craft.

Tomorrow is Remembrance Sunday, the occasion for a solemn and touching ceremony at the Cenotaph in London and at war memorials throughout the country. But, 51 years after the end of the second world war, it has been decided that these emotion-ally charged moments in front of the cold stone cross are no longer enough. After a two-year campaign by the Sun newspaper and the Royal Christmas it is carrying the British Legion, the tradi- message to millions." Or, any- rises during times of conflict.

tional rest-day testimony will | way, to those with extremely now be followed, in much of sharp eyesight or binoculars | Britain, by another two-min- | who happen to be under the ute silence on Monday: at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the exact mo-ment of the Armistice. This chronological pedantry will be widely observed. Hav-

for two minutes on Sunday, BBC will suspend BBC1 and Radio 2 again at 11 am on Monday. In many of Britain's courts, clients will get only 58 minutes talk from their lawyers in the legal hour before noon. No planes will take off from Heathrow between 11 and 11.02, although, oddly, they will be permitted to land. Perhans a moral philosopher or an aviation engineer can explain why an ascending jet is disrespectful to the casualties of war, while a descending one is not. Aside from this secondary

silence, there is a general sense of a stepping-up of remembrance this year. Not content with adding a further two-minute delay to airline schedules on Monday, Robert Ayling, chief executive of British Airways, boasts in the Daily Telegraph that: "We have painted the poppy emblem on one of our aircraft with the motto Pause To Remember'. As it flies around

flightpath of this single patri-otic airliner among BA's 240strong fleet.

However, other companies with British in their title are also making an extra effort this year. BBC television presenters received a memo suggesting that they wore pop-pies on screen during s period of nearly 10 days leading up to Armistice Day. Some were surprised to find that, for the first time, they were actually handed the red crèpe flower at the door of the studio. In London, poppying up remained a matter of individual conscience but an-chors at BBC Ulster were reportedly warned that they would not be permitted to appear on screen flowerless.

where, even before this year no ambitious frontbencher would risk an empty lapel in early November — the memorial wars have also escalated. The Labour Party has pledged to introduce a new junior minister for ex-service affairs. Yet successive Conservative governments — even the Falklands-liberating Thatcher administration — have refused to agree to such an emotive bureaucratic manoeuvre.

So why should it suddenly soar after five decades of do-mestic mainland peace in Britain? The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the end of the second world war in 1995 created a much deeper awareness, particularly in those under the age of 40, of the scale of the human sacrifice involved and the national consequences of defeat. As the generation with first hand memories of this period of history becomes threatened with extinction through natural causes, an understandable feeling has developed that second- and third-hand mem-

ry should be solidified. Regrettably, in this sincere ance of pain, some the Sun, the Royal British Le-gion, New Labour — have seen the possibility to establish a bridgehead for quite different exercises.

Nationalist rhetoric in Britain has become increasingly problematic because of its connection with right-wing extremism. Remembrance, though offers a relatively clean way of playing the patriotism game. Poppy politics is surrogate nationalism, surreptitious Little Englanding, undercover Euroscepticism.

Michael Portillo, who got into trouble for an overty-jingoistic speech at party conference, can send similar signals

Sun newspaper has discovered in its 11:11:11 campaign a perfect cover for a bundle of other grumbles: Europe, youthful disrespect, left-wing teaching, media liberalism.

The politics of the Royal British Legion, are less obvious ish Legion are less obvious but it would be a surprise if those who run it did not share some of this right-wing anguish. Obsession with the clock on November 11 is also about turning the clock back. The position of the Labour Party seems particularly cyni-cal. For years, the call of war veterans for a minister dedicated to their needs has been denied by politicians on the grounds that, as a literally dying section of the electorate. they were not worth bribing. Now that sympathy to the for-mer military has become proxy patriotism and nationalism, however, no party will leave them alone. Exactly opposite to the welfare state -In that nature will automatically reduce their burden to the state each year - old soldiers provide a perfect oppor-tunity for feel-good cost-noth-ing legislation. So John Major, in a cheap but cheerful move, last year enacted reform of war widows' rights. Now,

Labour offers parliamentary representation for veterans. The BBC is, in these matters, a victim rather than a combatant. The tabloid press

tions have indulged in moral blackmail of those who refuse to support their campaign, branding them unpatriotic. Ever keener to be seen as responsive and accountable to the public mood — this week, it published a 250-point set of promises to viewers - the BBC has succumbed to this ex-ternal pressure. Yet those 250 tion of political impartiality and the poppy, regrettably, is not a neutral badge. There is something disturbing about the BBC Political Editor, the flower of the war dead on his lapel, reporting from a Euro

.Because of the American Constitution's fixing of elec-tions for the first Tuesday in November, the choice of a US President chimes with the period of Armistice. In 1996 there was a terrible poignancy about this coincidence. Bob Dole, who believed that his status as a disabled war veteran would give him a moral and electoral edge over his draft-dodging opponent, dis-covered that the electorate was unimpressed by WWII veterans. Old British soldiers may be reassured by the evi-dence that so many in this nation's establishm to care about them. They should be aware, though, that urge remembrance are really

A minefield beneath the UN's boots

Commentary Martin Woollacott

HE CONGO operation in the early sixtles almost destroyed the
United Nations. It
killed the most formidable
Secretary General the organisation has had, pushed the UN Secretary General the organisation has had, pushed the UN into a financial crisis, split the Western powers which had previously consistently supported the world body and almost brought peacekeeping efforts to a permanent end. And, although secession was averted, it helped create the conditions in which one of the worst of Africa's regimes took root and one of the most corrupt dictators took power in rupt dictators took power in what became Zaire.

The Congo was an object forces can be used and abused by local actors as well as de-

still recovering from the Congo failure. No wonder, then, that the UN and most countries capable of doing so are reluctant to rush troops to Central Africa.

The deployment of an inter-national force to the region threatens to involve the troops, their commanders, the civilian aid workers and the UN itself in not one, not two, not even three, but in four wars. The first is the Rwanda war whose original spilling over into Zaire, in the shape of people of Tutsi ethnicity. The fourth is the potential fight in Zaire itself, with a range of op-position groups based inside and outside the country contending for the succession to President Mobutu Sese Seko.

outside powers. Three decades | resented in the capital and later, the UN can be said to be pursue a legal path, but one group, of indeterminate strength, is trying to exploit the vacuum in the eastern borderlands and is looking for

an alliance of convenience with the Rwandan regime.

How serious such armed seekers of power are is not yet clear. But, in the substantial lifetime of a UN military operation, and given Mobutu's state of health, they might become serious, even if they are not so today. The eagerness with which the parties are signalling their readiness for an international force is an index of the difficulties that may arise. For all concerned see the establishment of a UN force in eastern Zaire as a development they could use to their advantage. Mobutu was saved from virtually complete international isolation when Hutu refugees crossed his bor-der in huge numbers two years ago. He underwent a quasi-rehabilitation as UN agencies and Western govern-ments were forced to seek his co-operation. Now his troops have been pushed out of parts of eastern Zaire by forces mar-ginally better organised than

man selling the country out to foreigners and allowing the establishment of a "Hutuland" in the north-east.
The Rwandan government

remains hostile to a force led by France, the power keenest to intervene, because of its experience in 1994 when the action of French forces, whether by design or inadvertence, led to the escape of most of the Hutu leadership and its military forces. It now says it will accept a force if it is "neutral". The interest of the Rwandan leaders lies in any development which will help them destroy armed Hutu op-ponents and to deprive those opponents of a population base of refugees, which they can tax, recruit and propagan dise. It would be served either by the repatriation of the refugees or by the flight of the refugees into the interior of Zaire, out of effective range of the Rwandan border, or by a combination of the two. A buffer force of UN troops which either kept the refugees distant from the border or effectively filtered out armed elements before returning elements before returning

refugees to Zaire would be in their best hope. What would not be in their interests would be a restora-tion of the situation in which the aid agencies were keeping one million or more Hutu refugees alive but were also subsidising and assisting the extremists who dominated the camps, raided into both Rwanda and Burundi and nursed long-term ambitions of

ought to be said, should, in the broadest view, be welcomed, because the prospect of an endless ethnic war across the international borders is a horrific one and the prospect of an extremist re-entry in force into Rwanda even more so. But it has already led to great suffering and could lead to more. The question is how to relieve that suffering without recreating a safe haven for killers as well as for kids.

The tangle of ambitions and interests - life-and-death matters to those concerned means that the despatch of an

The question is how to relieve the suffering without recreating a safe haven for killers as well as for kids

international force to Zaire is a truly difficult undertaking. It would have to be a deter-mined, sophisticated effort, aimed at humanitarian relief but with the wariest of eyes cocked on the local actors who, within hours of the first troops flying in, would begin to exert pressures, some crude and some subtle, to bend the new arrivals to their

In everything from the siting of a refugee camp or a military base to the choice of interpreters or food suppliers, past.

him if UN troops were in charge rather than his enemies. Mobutu's main opposition, significantly, is against a UN force, portraying him as a of those countries. What folsowed was a covert Rwandan campaign to disrupt the extremists. This disruption, it ought to be said, should, in the visors would be more impor-tant than its military directors. Above all it would have to bear in mind that it might well find itself em-broiled not only in the affairs of Hutus and Tutsis in three countries but in the future of Zaire, the second-biggest country in sub-Saharan Africa and arguably the most politi-cally devastated state in the continent.

Hundreds of thousands of people are on the move. Some have already died. Just one or have aiready died. Just one or two days without water or proper food or shelter, as dis-mal experience in many countries shows, begins the process of culling children and the old or alling. The Red Cross president, Cornelio Sommarusa, said vesterday Sommaruga, said yesterday that there was "no other option" to the despatch of an international force which could create the secure condi-tions to enable relief to again reach the refugees. The reach the refugees. The French continue to push. John Major, after his meeting with Jacques Chirac, allows that the despatch of British troops is a possibility. The US administration must now consider its choices, because no African operation of this size is consistently without at least

conceivable without at least US logistical support. Us logistical support.
The balance is shifting toward the despatch of some kind of UN force. Given the human need, that can hardly be opposed. But let it be done with care, with skill and with political sophistication. For the UN, Zaire, of all countries, is not a place in which to

repeat the mistakes of the

road



Martin Kettle

HEN in doubt, write about what's on your mind. And since Wagner's Ring cycle at Covent Garden is on mine and since Tom Sutcliffe has just written the most provocative book written about opera for some time, then politics can go hang for a week. There are, after all, 24 other Saturdays before the general election. This is a day for other matter.

general election. This is a day for other matters. Covent Garden's much-dis-cussed recent Ring cycle em-bodies the strengths and weaknesses of a theatrical rev-olution which has swept through opera over the last 20 years. The director Richard Jones and, even more, his de-signer Nigel Lowery, deliber-ately debunk and deconstruct the Ring's sometimes gusty pretentions. The approach undoubtedly produces insights, though they are not the first to do it and the insights tend to be momentary rather than sustained. It is stimulating, sometimes infuriating, and ob-viously fascinating for the per-formers as well as the audiformers as well as the audience. Sutcliffe is the enthusiastic chronicler of the revolution in general and of Jones's efforts in particular.

The trouble is that, as often happens with revolutions, deconstruction has become a new tyranny. Too often at Covent Garden this autumn one listened to one Ring and

watched another. Not only is

this un-Wagnerian in a tradi-

tional sense, it is also a theat-

rical evasion and even, at

times, an aesthetic lie. It de-

nies the very thing which sets this cycle of operas apart, not just in Wagner's mind. For Sutcliffe to say, as he does, that a hostile reaction to this approach is a deeply encour-aging indication of its rightness seems to me perverse and dangerous doublethink.

In saying this, I am not arguing that the Ring is an untouchable aspic-preserved icon. That's a cheap lazy shot which those who like this production more than I do are far too quick to fire at its critics. Interpretations of the Ring ed and must progress. But that doesn't mean that anything goes, or that interesting moments excuse the absence of overall coherence. It is absurd to suppose that every one of Wagner's own directions has to be fol-lowed to the letter, though

they cannot simply be treated

as merely one option among all the others. But it is just as

absurd to imagine that when Wagner told his assistants to

do something new he meant

good as anything else, provid-ing only that it was new. What's wrong with the Jones/Lowery Ring is not that it is badly directed but that it looks toximples: Here are just four examples: the sets look stupid — the perspective-less houses in which many of this Ring's scenes are framed blow a special raspberry at the music; the costumes are there for a cheap laugh — the Rhinemaidens, the Norns and Sieg-fried are particular sufferers; the props are perverse - all those shoes are meaningless. not meaningful; and the light-ening switches are shockingly abrupt — unless you concen-trate on the music you would never know that Wagner is a master of transition.

Anyone who saw the BBC documentaries about Covent Garden will remember the moment when Bernard Haltink, conductor of this Ring. was shown the models of these sets. His face fell further than a human face has a right to fall. And when you go to the Covent Garden Ring you see that Haitink's dismayed instinct was essentially right. The disgrace is that nothing was done about it.

But then that would have meant doing the one thing which opera houses seem in-capable of doing any longer exercising tough aesthetic judgment to curb the selfindulgence of the over-mighty director/designer. I stress again that I am not saying that directors or designers should be imprisoned within narrow conventions or that they should not be allowed to experiment. Without experithere is no experience. But that absolutely does not mean that all experiment is equally good or justifiable. And it is the failure to confront this implicit tyranny, particularly of visual experiment, that is the fundamental aesthetic and even moral failing of the west-ern European operatic estab-

IRECTORS and designers are being allowed to get away with it because too many people who run opera houses are afraid of being called philistines for saying no to them. Jeremy Isaacs, a good man fallen among post-modernists, proved my point in his review of Sutcliffe's book in this paper on Thursday. But it is not reactionary to say no. I actually like Jones's treat

ment of many scenes. But he misses too many key moments, a tacit but eloquent admission of a larger failure. I have had the mixed fortune to have seen Jones's Gotterdammerung three times. What strikes me overwhelmingly about his handling of the end of this last opera in the cycle (exhaustively chronicled by Sutcliffe) is that Jones doesn't really know what he thinks is happening. He has changed his handling of the scene each time I've seen it. And if he doesn't know where the Rin is leading then he doesn't have a compass through the

Someone should have got a grip on a production which, after all, exists at public expense. Nobody ever did. If that sounds like a metaphor for Covent Garden and for other and wider failures, then who am I to deny it?

Believing In Opera, by Tom that anything they did was as at £20

student protest in the sixties. But was it a golden age of moral action or just an example of the mindless reactionary? HOTOGRAPH: PETER JOHNS

Is Britain a less moral nation than it once was? **Martin Jacques** argues that, far

from it, we are more aware of prejudice, rights and relationships. And it's a less than pure nostalgia that's behind the present panic.



Decline and fallacy

why the students of the nineties were less political than those of the sixtles. The premise was largely false. It's true that members of my generation were very militant about Vietnam and university de-mocracy, and for a period displayed a fondness for exotic revolutionary slogans. But when it came to the environ-ment, gender, animals, sexu-been enormous changes in ment, gender, animals, sexu-ality et al— the radicalism of the nature of gender rela-tions, the most profound social revolution of this cen-student militancy of the six-student militancy of the six-

We like golden ages. There we like golden ages. There is something in our culture and history which makes them attractive to us. They usually amount to little more than nostalgia and sloppy thinking. The current debate about moral decline is a classic illustration. The over-whelming assumption has been that we are a less moral nation than we once were. This is plain wrong. My own youth can serve as a reference point. We great radical students of the sixtles never gave a thought to gender relations, described gays as queers, had little contact with, or knowledge of, other races and ethnicities, never thought of the environment and had a thoroughly Vic-

torian view of other species. The argument about moral lows. We — especially young people — can no longer tell the difference between right moral. This is not surprising. decline runs something as foland wrong. Morality is not complicated; in fact it is very simple — all kids need to know is a basic set of rules, in the style of the Ten Commandments, which can be taught or, falling that, be caned into them. There is a modicum of truth in this. But for the most part it is just wrong. Morality no longer consists of a few simple rules. It can't be handed down like tablets of stone as in the old days. As hierarchy and deference visibly recede, the process of learning respect is far

Contrary to the conven-tional wisdom of the present moral panic, society is now a more moral place than it was. Those few basic rules spoke to a narrow range of issues, turned a blind eye to a host of others and depended on a largely passive, quiescent and often authoritarian mode of learning. The moral agenda has been transformed in a few ties was not some kind of golden age, or if it was, the statement needs to be very heavily qualified.

We like golden ages. There living in London for more than the property and harmful prejudices of our time, is in flerce retreat. My wife, an ethnic Indian who has been living in London for more than the property and property ages after the property and property and

than two years, has experi-enced surprisingly little racism during that period.

Far from living in less moral times, we now live in a more demanding moral climate. When I was a boy in the fifties, child abuse, the sexual division of labour, violence against women, paedophilia and environmental awareness, to name but a few. were undiscussed and largely un-recognised. Our moral repertoire has expanded enormous-ly. We are now far more morally aware. There has been a proliferation of organisations representing groups facing various forms of discrimination; they in turn have transformed our knowledge of prejudice, rights and the quality of human relationships.
We stumble from one great

When morality is no longer a question of a few basic rules, authoritatively pronounced on by politicians and church leaders, then society has to argue, debate, negotiate and renegotiate. It's messy, painful, noisy, transparent, often intrustve, but it's far more democratic than the old way. If we still waited around for the politicians and priests, where would we be on paedophilia, homosexuality, women's rights.? Back in the 1950s or something worse. A poignant example of the

considered as grounds for excluding a player from the England team, that bastion of tra-ditional masculinity: it would have been hushed up and dis-missed as a private matter. When Gazza said he could not criticise the women's groups that had been campaigning against his selection, it spoke of a transformation in the balance of power within our culture. Are we more or less

moral than we were? But if the answer is in the affirmative, why the moral panic, why the assumption

The idea there can be any return to the past is mistaken.

The changes of the last few decades are irreversible

that we are in steep moral descent? There are, I think, two different public discourses on morality. One is unofficial, acted out through the TV soaps and women's magazines, and argued about in the home, pub and office: it is contradictory, revelatory, pragmatic and modern. The other, official discourse emanates from Westminster and is rarely other than regressive — not entirely surprising historical nadir is self-given the obsolescent nature delusion. They half-recognise of politicians' own culture. It would perhaps be a little optimistic, in the circum-

their side, he is on the other side, searching for a return to some golden age, yearning for some simple and clear moral code that can be used to affirm or excommunicate. The fact that the political class cannot bring itself to tell

us a happier and more optimistic story, or even a more nuanced one, also speaks of more fundamental problems. In times of rapid change, we look for security and continuity. Appeals to the family, community and moral certainties offer us this in recognisable forms. On the other side of the argument there are no of the argument there are no easy buttons to press. We lack a language of the public do-main, of the social and collec-tive, other than that of the traditional. The recession, together with globalisation, has intensified our sense of insecurity — unemployment, downsizing, time pressures, family change — and accentu-ated the desire for security. It is a natural and understandable reaction to the risk society, where everything seems in a state of flux and nothing

is certain.

This explains the bizarre phenomenon of authoritarian nostalgia, the dominant political response, which evange-lises about a return to the past, a moral golden age that never was. The idea that politicians enjoy any moral authority when their own political authority has reached a it in fact - hence the use of religion to provide some kind of ethical language. But the great moral advances of the last few decades have been stances, to expect them to understand and give voice to the modernity of everyday life. Nevertheless, an enormous disappointment of the leader and formulator, has last two years has been the been thrown into belated tur-

> THIS WEEK'S escayist, Martin Jacques, was editor of Marxism Today and deputy editor of the Independent. He is co-founder of Demos edited New Times: The Changing Face Of Politics in The Mineties (Lawrence Wishart, 1989) and The Politics Of The (LAW, 1983). He wrote and presented two BBC programmes on the rise of the East. He now as for the Quardian and the Observer

EVERAL years more complicated — and sociated ago I was asked by is all the better for and his wife-beating. It was so deaf to the progressive of women and attitudes towards homosexuality. Can article explaining and article explaining to the convenience of the towards homosexuality. Can the Christian Church, with its congregations smaller than at any time in the last century and with our society never more secular, provide the stuff of moral renewal? The idea is a non-starter.

Authoritarian nostalgia is about closure, guilt, stasis and repression. It is unlikely to succeed — with one major qualification. Some 15 per cent of the population increasingly find themselves shut out of society, living on sink estates, deprived of decent schools, condemned to live on the pe-riphery of the labour market, lacking the necessary techno-logical and social skills to be century has any group experi-enced such isolation and ex-clusion. It is not surprising that sections of this under-class, feeling outside society, decline to observe its rules behave in anti-social ways and display a predilection for crime. The language of au-thoritarian nostalgia is de-signed to demonise and mar-ginalise these groups and discipline the rest of us. The underclass is our greatest social problem and all the trends suggest - especially in the absence of any serious political intent (eg, spending money) — that it will get

E MAY live in a more moral society but the social ties together are now, on balance, weaker. The decline of the traditional family and the local community, the individualisation of our culture, the marketisation of social relations have eroded our sense of society. But the picture again is rather more complex and nuanced than is often presented. There is credit as well as debit. While local community organisations have eener ally declined (and will continue to), there has been an explosion of new interest in identity-based organisations

and networks, from women's

groups to the Internet, Green-

Change" puts it: "A case could be made that this is a golden age for friendship, for temporary mass bonding sessions (the Lottery show, Euro96) and for joining communities of interest with others, perhaps dispersed all over the world."

Likewise, pessimistic talk about the family needs to be heavily qualified. No one would deny the centrality of the family (in its many forms) but we now live in much but we now live in much denser networks of interest, identity, peer group and friendship than our parents or grandparents ever did. My parents, who spared nothing for me and my sister, lived a largely atomised existence, as did many of their generation. Now we live in a world of multitudinous, overlapping circles. The other day I found myself listing the top 10 myseir insting the top 10 relationships in my life. It is an interesting exercise. There is no simple hierarchy which privileges the given relationships of the family over one's chosen friendships.

The idea that there can be any extent to the part is min any return to the past is mis-

taken. The changes of the last few decades are irreversible. They are also complex. There has been no simple and unam biguous shift from the collective to the individual, from the social to the anti-social. Changes designed to strengthen our sense of society must be grounded in modernity rather than nostalgia, must go with the grain of change rather than against it. A recent Demos report on Global Generation X. which was based on extensive international survey evidence, ar gued: "Young people are looking for community and social values that reflect their own point of view of the world, not one that has been shaped by previous generations. Twentysix per cent believe that there is no single right way to live

any more. It would be nice to hear politicians telling us a different kind of story, one that affirms the positive as well as decrying the negative, which makes us feel good about society as well as critical. There peace to aerobics classes. As are reasons to be cheerful.

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Five pages of finance news start here

Santer damns, but publishes, job graphs

Stephen Bates in Brussela

HE president of the European Commission
yesterday ordered publication of "inadequate" graphs
alleged to show that labour
market regulation inhibits job creation — as argued by the British Government. An exasperated Jacques Santer gave the instruction

amid persistent allegations of an attempted Brussels bureaucratic cover-up.
The graphs, which will not now be published in a report on European industrial com-petitiveness due in a fortight, will have an impact on

night, will have an impact the debate about whether leg-islation emerging from the Maastricht social chapter dis-courages companies from taking on more employees.

One shows a correlation between regulations and employment and the other the trade off between jobs and the costs of making employees redundant. If accurate, the

ent's stance against regulation.
The Commission says its own statistics, on which the graphs are based, are inade-quate. Brussels reluctantly decided to publish them in order not to be seen to be can-

graphs uphold the Govern-

A spokesman for Mr Santar, who has made job creation central to his presidency, told a press confer ence: "He got angry that this is getting out of hand. It has led to absurd conclusions." The decision to publish, only four days before the European Court is likely to impose the 48-hour working week on a reluctant Conservative Government, followed fierce internal squabbles

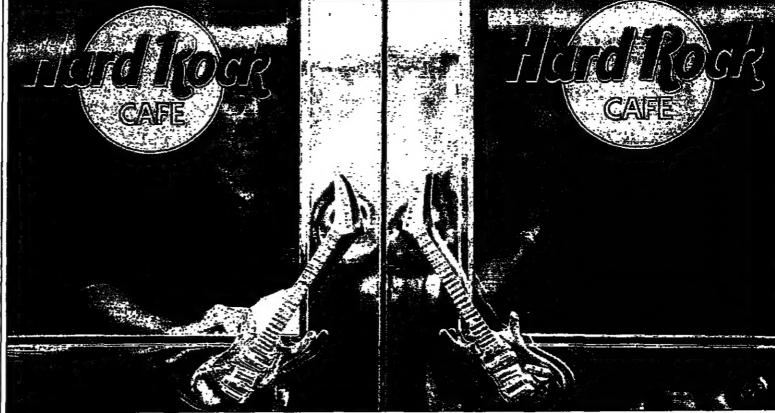
within the Commiss Officials working for the industry directorate, which favours deregulation, were wrangling with the social af-fairs unit, responsible for labour regulation issues. The row was sparked when Barbara Nolan, the Irish

Flynn, triumphantly claimed that his department had succeeded in getting the graphs deleted. This angered industry lobbylsts. A spokesman for UN-ICE, the European employers'

spokeswoman for social af-fairs commissioner Padraig

organisation, said: "It is bet-ter to debate the issue in the open."

To add to the Commission's versy over the report was emerging as drafts began to circulate with a planned chapter on the environmen



Café bites back at beef ban closure

STAFF at the Hard Rock Café in Paris peck from behind closed doors (left) after last week's police order to shut the restaurant for 15 days pending an investigation into whether it has used British beef, writes

Mark Milner. The restaurant rejects the claims and is to appeal against the closure decision.

Inspectors said that when they visited the restaurant they found beef with a British label. British beef has been banned in France since March because of con-

cern over mad cow disease Plerluigi Capello, Hard Rock Café's general man-ager, said he had given police documentation show-ing that the beef was Irish. "As far as I am concerned, there is no embargo on Irish meat. We will appeal against the decision." The appeal is expected to be lodged within the next few

Porsche completes repair job

German carmaker shows how human touch rather than robots can streamline production. JULIA GIERTZ reports

nancial perfor-mance, however, the French bank to cut 5,000 jobs been stuck on the hard shoulder until recently. as it prepares for privatisation Last year, Porsche clocke

Alex Duval Smith in Paris FRANCE'S state-owned Crédit Lyonnals is planning to close up to 200 branches, with the loss of 5,000 jobs, to prepare it for

Confirmation of the proposals, currently the subject of talks with the trade unions, came amid reports that poss-ible buyers, approached by US bank Goldman Sachs on behalf of the government, had said the bank was unsaleable with-

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haly 2,457 Malta 0,569 Netherlands 2,72 New Zealand 2,28 Norway 10,21 Portugal 246,00 Saudi Arabia 6,15

The French government, which in the last three years has spent Fr49 billion (251 billion) on three restruc-turing plans for Crédit Lyon-nais, is afraid that further cuts to the bank's 85,000 staff would be politically explosive.

Crédit Lyonnais, whose esses rose from FrL8 billion in 1992 to Fr12.1 billion in 1994. is cherished in France — until the 1960s the leading bank in France — but a series of disastrous loan arrangements and property investments in the 1980s all but liquidated its as-

Singapore 2.25 South Africa 7.53

designed for the fast Porsche has cut costs dramatically. Some of it was stan-dard stuff. The work force has been reduced by a third to 7,000 over three years. Porsche has pledged not to cut more jobs at least until the end of next year, but only in exchange for more flexible working hours. Production of the loss-making 928 and 968

mulative losses of DM450 mil-lion over the previous threemodels was halted. This year has been different. Profits are roaring ahead. Yesterday Porsche unveiled

full-year net profits of DM48.1 million. As a result, it is planning a return to the dividend list, which is good news for the Porsche and Piech families headed by 87-year-old patri-arch Ferdinand Porsche which still own more than 50 per cent of the shares. Ordinary shareholders last saw a dividend in 1991.

up a meagre DM2 million

(£900,000) in profits, after cu-

year period.

lane. In terms of fi-

Much of the credit for the turnaround is being given to Wendelin Wiedeking, the chief executive who took over in 1992 after two predecessors came and went in quick ting stocks in half.

Other parts of the restructuring programme were dis-tinctly less conventional. Automation was tricky.

Large parts of the production process represent hand-craft-ing, helping to give the cars their individuality but ruling out robotics. So Porsche looked at how to make the most of its human resources. The company took a power saw to cupboards and storage racks lining the production lines. Nothing much above head height was allowed. Ladders were out. Instead, workers were given irolleys con-taining all tools and parts

they required. Human effort was treated as a precious Components - accounting

Under his direction for 80 per cent of each car's longer than the industry stan-corsche has cut costs dramat-ladded value — were another dard 35 hours a week. area under scrutiny. Porsche opted for the well-tried just in-time supply system — cut

> External factors came to the company's aid. The German mark weakened on the foreign exchanges, helping Porsche price itself back into key export markets, espe-cially the United States.

The US accounted for 7,000 cars in the 1995/96 financial year, Japan for another 2,000 and Britain for 1,300 out of total sales of just over 19,000. That was almost three times as many as in 1992/93, and generated sales of DM2.8 bil-lion.

Porsche has decided it can do more than build and sell fast cars, however, and is now earning increasing revenues from selling its in-house development services.

Carmakers from all over

the world trek to its develop-ment centre, complete with test track, in rural Swabia. Exhaust systems and tyres are tested, model shapes refined and cars put through their paces by Porsche

Motorcycle producer Harley-Davidson brought an enrine for further development Airbus Industrie asked for help with cockpit design.

Industrial sources estimate that revenue from such services has already topped DM100 million a year. Indeed, selling Porsche's know-how has become so profitable that Mr Wiedeking has set up a separate division. As a sign of the times, its engineers are not covered by the collective bargaining contract and work

Porsche is also shifting the focus of its marketing. It flirted with the idea of a four-

seat vehicle but then opted to stick to its tradition of building sports cars. Whisper it, but it is also aiming just slightly downmarket — al-though in Porsche's case downmarket is relative.

The latest model to leave the Stuttgart production lines

— the Boxster (a cross between boxer and speedster),
which went on sale in Germany last month — costs a mere DM73,600. The cheapest

is DM130,000. The Boxster, top speed 150 mph, is designed for a very different market from

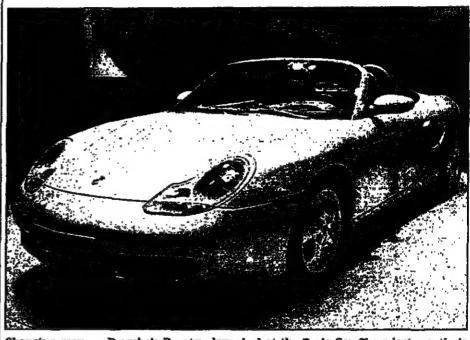
According to market research, the average driver of a 911 is a 45-year-old, self-employed man. It is often the second car, after the family saloon — often a BMW.

Porsche reckons Boxster drivers will be younger (about 35), earn less, and one in three will be a woman. The management hopes that once a person has owned a Boxster

version of the established 911 | the brand and go for a 911

Porsche is not the only German carmaker courting a younger market. Mercedes has launched its SLK roadster and BMW has taken the wraps off its 23 two-seater with the same intent.

Despite the competition, Mr Wiedeking is hoping the Box-ster will propel the company to sales of around DM3 billion in the next financial year. Un-like the cars, the Porsche boss may lack charisms. But if performance, matches his orecast, shareholders will find little to grumble about.



Changing gear ... Porsche's Boxster, launched at the Paris Car Show last month, is aimed at what for this marque is a downmarket buyer PHOTOGRAPH: GARETH WATKINS

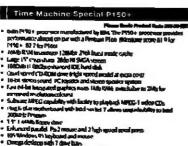
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Italy's restaurateurs identify pasta masters

John Glover in Miles

TALIAN restaurants are scattered liberally around the world, but they are not always tasty.

The reason, according to Ciao Italia, an association of Italian restaurateurs, is not just that they are not al-ways Italian but often Turk-ish, Brazilian, or — horrors — English. Compounding the crime, they do not use properly trained personnel, do not offer Italian wine and lack that special Mediterranean welcome.

Ciao Italia, backed by Ita-ly's foreign trade office, ministry of agriculture and food, and the Italian cuisine and wine academies, plans to distinguish the from a limited area of Tuscany and is made following certain rules, the restaurant displaying the plaque is DOC Italian.

In homage to EU rules, there is no need actually to be Italian to win certification. But regulations on staff training, ingredients, wine and welcome are wine and wercome are stringent. Cooks must have an Italian-equivalent cook-ing qualification, and Ital-ian olive oil, cheese and pasta must be used in the dishes. More than half of the wine cellar must be Italian, and the restaurant must offer Italian cheese

and spirits trolleys.

Thanks to modern communications and the Internet, no excuses for failure to observe the rules will be real Italian restaurants accepted. Italian cooks can from the fakes. The means: a large bronze plaque.

Just as DOC Chianti hails (http://www.ClaoItalia.it).





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British Gas puts cap on bills

Global finance breeds new bank

AS consumers fered the prospect of a £7 cut in annual gas bills as industry regulator Clare Spottiswoode made two signifi-cant concessions to win backing from British Gas for a

new regime of price caps. between the two sides will see the industry through the first in the domestic market from

being sealed, the Saga Group — which specialises in financial services and holidays for est group to announce plans to enter the market.
With 19 million domestic

gas consumers up for grabs, increasing numbers of companies - many with no previous experience of the market - are considering moving in to pick up customers.

News of the deal with British Gas came in a statement from the Office of Gas Supply which said that the privatised group would be forced to restrict price rises to 4 per

The new price caps apply to British Gas Trading, the gas supply business, and will go ahead if they remain unchanged after a month of industry-wide consultation.

By contrast British Gas's fight with Ofgas over a simi-lar set of price caps for its TransCo pipelines business has been referred to the Mo-

nopolies Commission.

To win backing from the company, Ms Spottiswoode has agreed to cut the duration of the new price regime from five years to three — the shor-

Just as the the deal was cent below the rate of inflagroup has had since its priva- for the latest price controls to per cent cheaper, lopping as eing sealed, the Saga Group ition from April next year. | group has had since its priva- for the latest price controls to per cent cheaper, lopping as eing sealed, the Saga Group ition from April next year. | tisation in 1986.

stance on capping individual tomer by agreeing to keep new controls under review. But she refused to meet BG's demands that it be allowed to set individual tariffs within a broad overall price cap.

The company's worry is that it will be left with a much higher proportion of low income customers and that the new regime will leave it shouldering much higher costs than its competitors. British Gas also made it clear

spokeswoman pointed out that the controls would not apply to competitors and that the advent of full competition should end the need for stringent price capping. Saga, which offers holidays

and financial services to eople aged 50 and over, said it is to start selling gas in January 1997 when competitive trials in the gas market are extended to include more areas in the South of England Director Simon Waugh said the company atmed ulti-mately to offer its 4.5 million

bills, which are often much higher for the elderly. Mr Waugh said: "A lot of

people over 50 are on fixed incomes. With interest rates dropping quite dramatically, they are feeling the pinch. This was an obvious way to pass on savings to them.

Saga, which has an annual turnover of £250 million and has already entered the telephone market with US group Worldcom, said it entered talks with a leading gas sup-plier after research showed a strong demand for cheaper utility services.

Alex Brummer

sion, hard on the heels of BZW, to re-group its under a common brand in San Francisco (first reporte in yesterday's Guardian) highlights the changing shape of global finance. The concept of banks which

do everything, from interna-tional retail banking to global fund management, is weaken-ing as individual institutions choose to go their own way.

At Dresdner in the US. Kleinwort Benson and Thorn-ton (which includes Hong

Kong) fund management arms are being put under the RCM Capital Management umbrella. Probably no bad thing following Kleinwort's embarrassment with the underperforming Kepit (its private European investment trust) and the dispute over sacked fund manager Mark

In the UK, Lloyds Bank has moved decisively in favour of consumer/bancassurance; Midland is part of a huge global retail banking network in HSBC; and Barclays has been making the big push into fund management.

Meanwhile, NatWest's trategy has been somewhat less defined. Indeed, its recent push into investment banking, through the acquisition of Hambro Magan, in addition to Gleacher and Garimore, has been sceptically received Partly, perhaps, because it seems rather late in the game and comes on the back of its problems, now well behind it. in the US retail market

> Having put investment banking building blocks in place, NatWest believes it has probably bought enough in terms of brands and skills (such as the Gleacher-inspired securitisation move) and will now confine expansion to key personnel.

where its departure looks

strongly in the bancassurance market. Its vehicle for this, NatWest Life, has been sty-mied by its partner Clerical Mr Crockett, by It cannot move further until the bid has been given the all-clear. Notwithstanding NatWest relationship with Clerical will need to be When that happens, there will untangled. As a result, NatWest, like

several other players in the financial services market, is Meanwhile, Dominion
Resources was thought yesterday to be considering a formal bid for East Midlands.

Hannel services market, in the looking for a mutual insurer — with a good independent fitterday to be considering a formal bid for East Midlands. life, pension and fund management businesses.

Norwich Union, heading for PLC status, may be too big a bite. But there are growth strained life assurers, like Equitable Life and Friends Provident, which could be-

Crockett's coup

International Settle-ments have dented its exclusive image as a cosy coterie of central bankers. First, there was the deci-sion in September to widen

the BIS's membership to give a greater voice to the larger emerging market economies, including India and China as well as those in the Pacific — like Singapore, Hong Kong and Korea — which hold an increasing volume of the

Bringing these central banks inside the BIS, an initiative launched by its general manager Andrew Crock-ett, both recognises their increasing global role, as well as contributing to financial stability. It is easier to per-ceive co-operation between say the UK and Singapore, over, for instance, Barings, than it would when Singapore was outside the kirk.

This, however, does not deal with the jurisdictional problems of banking supervision. The prudential regulation of derivatives and other new risk on the financial markets has been made for markets has been made far more difficult by the blurring of distinctions between financial services groups.

In Britain, it may soon b markets will be dominated by three bancassurance groups, defying the boundaries be-tween banks and insurance companies. Barings provides an acute example of a bank in name which was in reality a ent set of supervisors.

The strategy of Mr Crockett on this is to bring the regula-tors of these two sectors within the Basle system. He quietly has scored a success by persuading the global reg-ulator, the International Commissioners, to move its cadquarters to BIS.

But having the insurance regulator under the same roof arrangements for the banks. models, will more easily

apply to bancassurers.

The gaping hole in the Basle structure remains the fierce independence of the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) which has been slow in responding to Basis edicts and has thus far resisted incantives to come under the BIS rubric

Behind the resistance is the long-running turf battle, par-ticularly in the United States. between the securities regulator, the Securities Exchange eral Reserve. This despite the fact that a house like JP Mor-NatWest would also like to gan is now, through its huge project its brand more derivative volumes of \$3,447 billion (£2,298 billion) is as much an investment bank as

> Mr Crockett, by all counts, is confident that IOSCO can eventually be brought to the Basie table. be a great deal more confidence that efforts to limit global systemic risk are finally progressing.

Cheisea gossip

OLATILITY of the shares in Chelsea Vil-lage has been extraordinary since Matthew Harding's death. This week saw them fall sharply on the resignation of Peter Middleton of Salomon Brothers and then sour on news of the signing of Gianfranco Zola and speculation that the Harding shares, now held by trustees, are to be sold.

be sold.

Market speculation centres on the possibility that Mr Middleton, with his access to City funding, will go for the Harding stake, using it as a lever to begin the transformation of the club into the next Manchester United. A good thought. But, to arrive at that point, any buyer will still need the beating of mercurial chairman Ken Bates.

Northern Electric predator adds to its stake

for Northern Electric CE Energy, last night took its stake in the regional electricity company to near the 29.9 per cent limit allowed under takeover rules, but still failed to drag Northern's be-sleged board into talks. David Morris, the Northern

chairman, insisted that the 630p a share offer, which values the company at £650 million, was too low to make discussions with the US predators worthwile. "There is nothing to talk about at this price," <u>he said.</u>

The group regretted speculation in the City that the bid, and a possible offer for East
Midlands from US group Dominion Resources, would be
blocked by the Government
— which had depressed shares and allowed CE Ener gy to build up a powerful stake Northern's shares fell a further 19p to 508p yesterday.
CE Energy, which is 70 per cent owned by CalEnergy of Nebraska and 30 per cent by the construction firm Peter cent to its stakeholding yes-terday taking its overall hold-

this temporary ceasefire, there is a widespread feeling in the City that Northern faces a tough battle to remain

The US company, which was forced to admit this week that

it had in mind an offer at around 608p a share, is unlikely to decide its next step before Monday.

East Midlands has said that a bid pitched at this level, worth the equivalent of

£1.2 billion, would be too low and should be rejected.

Buckfast director Jonathan Deacon surveys the waterway that feeds the Devonshire abbey's hydro-electric generators

Power company gambles on green premium

PAUL BROWN charts environmentally electricity schemes are already operating, including one by the monks of Buckfast Abbey in Devon and another www. Further than the company hopes that as renewables be-

prepared to pay premium

Repeated surveys show that up to one in five people are periment to see if the scheme prepared to subsidise enviprepared to subsidise environmentally benign forms of energy — so the Green Electron Company is setting up a scheme to provide it.

periment to see if the scheme works. When the electricity market is liberalised in 1998 the company will be offering all consumers the option.

NEW electricity supply company is sambling on green consumers being Banks, agricultural merchants, the company has already begun producing "green power" and is selling it to Stroud Council as an ex-

at an old cotton mill in Derby-Eventually the scheme will include all forms of renewables, such as wind power, gas from landfill sites and biogas

from pig farms and other agricultural slurry.
The World Wide Fund for Nature has agreed to monitor the project both to verify the

want to be sure that the company is not passing off elec-tricity from fossil fuel sources as green and charging them

premium prices."

The exact size of the premium price is yet to be decided and Green Electron spokesman Nigel Viney prefers to put it as "about 20p a day". In reality this adds up day". In reality this adds up the company will be offering sources of electricity are gentled to about 15 per cent extra on unely green and renewable, prices, 50 per cent more than and to check that the combine the levy placed on consumers

hopes that as renewables be-come cheaper the price will go down, eventually to reach parity with fossil fuels. Mr Viney said: "Surveys

show that 4 to 5 per cent of consumers seem prepared to pay such premium prices. Whether they are in real life is the gamble we are taking, but potentially it is a big market. With WWF on hoard we will have the credibility wa need to show the consumer we are really green."

Buyers warned | Names are to be wary of kept waiting shares offered for £570m

Mark Tran in New York

INVESTORS hoping to cash in on tips over the Inter-net do so at their peril. That was the message from the Securities and Exchange Commission as it ordered a freeze on the assets of Sysirreze on the assets of sys-tems of Excellence, a maker of video tele-conferencing equipment, for allegedly manipulating its share price via the Internet.

on Internet

According to the SEC, Systems of Excellence, systems of Excellence, known as SEXI because of its stock ticker symbol, was involved in a classic "pump and dump" scheme, whereby company insiders surance commissioner, who pump up the share price of requires that such profits be a company and then dump the shares on an unsuspeci-

ing public.
Tom Newkirk, director of enforcement at the SEC, said: "We're monitoring this kind of fraud on the Internet but it's difficult be-cause of the lightning speed information is spread.

The SEC said in a lawsuit that Systems of Excellence colluded with an electronic newsletter called SGA Goldstar, which was distributed over the Internet, to boost SEXI to investors. In return for touting SEXI, newsletter writers received 300,000 shares in the company. As a result of the massive market manipulation" top officials of the two firms allegedly made il-legal proceeds of more than \$10 million (£6 million).

US pay-out

LOYD'S of London admitted yesterday that 2570 million in payments to 11,600 Names — representing their share of the insurance market's profits in 1993 — will be delayed until early next month.

Crisis to amagentary in a 5 per cent jump to 2826 million in third quarter pre-tax profits.

The figures, which bring pre-tax profits for the first nine months of the year to 21.9 billion, surpassed forecasts by most City analysts and sent shares in the Anglo-

The funds are dollar-de nominated profits on American business, held in New York trust funds maintained by Lloyd's, which now does two-thirds of its business in the US.

However, all withdrawals from the fund by Lloyd's must be cleared by New York's inrequires that such profits be distributed to individual Names rather than through Lloyd's syndicates or mem-

Lloyd's has had to give the commissioner details of each Name involved, and the process is not expected to be complete before the end of the month. The Names, who normally receive such payments dur-ing the summer, have become

increasingly agitated at the

delay and many have already contacted Lloyd's. Bill Hewes, finance director of Lloyd's, said: "It's only human nature that members are keen to get their surpluses as soon as possible—
it will be the first they have received for a couple of years, and it is perfectly natural that they should be knocking on the door."

Unilever beats summer blues

ian King

NILEVER overcame poor summer sales of ice cream and the BSE crisis to announce yesterday a 5 per cent jump to £826 mil-

and sent shares in the Anglo-Dutch consumer goods con-scare. plus brands include Birds Eye | an 18 per cent jump in sales, |

and Persil detergent — said sales had been particularly strong in emerging markets such as China and India.

Despite the poor summer weather's effect on ice cream sales, Unilever insisted that its market share remained strong, while profits elsewhere in Europe also im-proved, including frozen food, where the group was hit earlier this year by the BSE

glomerate up 75p to 1350p.
Unilever — whose 1,000the same as last year despite

frozen food, Oxo, Pond's cold | mainly due to higher spend-cream, Batchelor's soup, PG | ing on advertising. | pared with that of its bitter rival, the US group Proctor & Tips tea, Magnum ice cream | At the same time, nine | Gamble. They said that with

Argentina and Chile. The figures will be seen as a 1995's performance. boost for Unilever's new David Lang, of br chairman, Niall FitzGerald,

who assumed control of the group in September and who is expected to preside over a wide-ranging shake-up of its sprawling portfolio of brands.

Meanwhile, analysts Unilever's performance com- | began in September."

month profits in Unilever's Unilever having spent more Latin American operations on marketing for its cosmetjumped from £199 million in its brands, which include Cal-1995 to £257 million, boosted vin Klein perfume, the fourth by stronger sales in Brazil quarter was also likely to show an improvement on

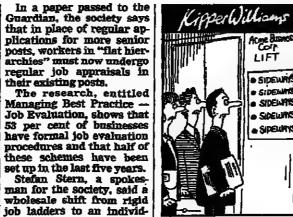
David Lang, of broker Hen-derson Crosthwaite, said: "I thing rather unpleasant, but it's turned out very well. There is a lot of momentum in Unilever, and that is even be-fore the effects of the management reorganisation which

Demise of career ladder 'hitting staff morale'

Delayering craze fuels insecurity at work, reports Richard Thomas

HE carly-1990s management craze for "delayering" firms has blocked upward career mo-bility and left staff demoralised and insecure, according to a report to be published next week.

As companies struggled to ride out the last recession by stripping out white collar grades, traditional routes to the top were wiped out and replaced by



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ualistic model of assess-ment could be damaging to gress that 'promotion' brings," he said. the mind-set of the workbroad pay bands, and per-formance-related pay, the Industrial Society says.

The society's data also could be offsetting the posi-tive effects of a reduced that needs the sense of pro-agers have established risk of redundancy.

tight control over the speed of an employee's progress through their firm. Drawing on a new survey of 530 British firms, the paper shows that employees are able to bid for their own advancement in fewer than half the firms contacted. Many companies also fail fully to inform their staff about the process by which performance is ranked --with only a quarter of res-pondents saying there was

evaluation mechanism. With job insecurity remaining high despite falling unemployment, the society's research suggests that the lack of any pros-pect of an upwards move

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News in brief

Bank supports jobless survey The Government acted

against the advice of both the Bank of England and Institute of Directors to block plans for a new survey-based measure of unemployment, according to the November edition of Labour Market Trends.

The Bank said a new internationally consistent measure would have provided a useful guide to the state of the labour market and improved decisions on monetary policy. The Government announced last month that proposals for a fresh yardstick would not be implemented, because of the £8 million price tag.

Reinwort resturified Dresdner Bank, German owner of merchant bank Kleinwort Benson, unveiled a radical restructuring, creating a new global asset manage-ment company with managed

funds of more than £30 billion as predicted by the Guardian. The new company will incorporate the institutional management businesses of Kleinwort Benson Investment Management, Thornton replacing Professor Patrick Group and San Francisco-based RCM Capital Manage- expires at the end of this year.

I ment. KBIM insiders fear the move may presage the disap-pearance of the Kleinwort

The head of a Birmingham-

based corporate finance firm was yesterday fined £17,500 and ordered to pay costs of £4,800 by the Securities and Putures Authority in connection with a share placing in July 1994. The SFA said John Searson, senior executive officer of Brook Corporate Finance, allowed the £1.2 million placing to go ahead, even though he was £700,000 short of the required amount.

Spy charges 'imminent' A lawyer representing Volkswagen executive Jose Ignacio Lopez de Arriortua said he expected German prosecutors to file industrial spying charges against his client by the end of November.

Clarke chooses Bootle Chancellor Kenneth Clarke has invited Roger Bootle chief economist at HSBC Holdings, to become a mem-ber of his panel of indepen-dent economic forecasters.

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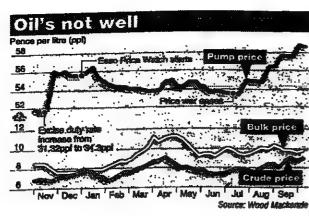
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Cheap petrol could backfire on motorist



Price war is changing face of the forecourt and bringing ruin to independent garages

Report: Celia Weston and Chris Barrie

queue to fill their tanks this weekend they may fear the Chancellor's Intentions. The Government has pursued a policy of increasing tax on petrol for four years. But what motorists should really fear is the fall-out from the most vicious price war in

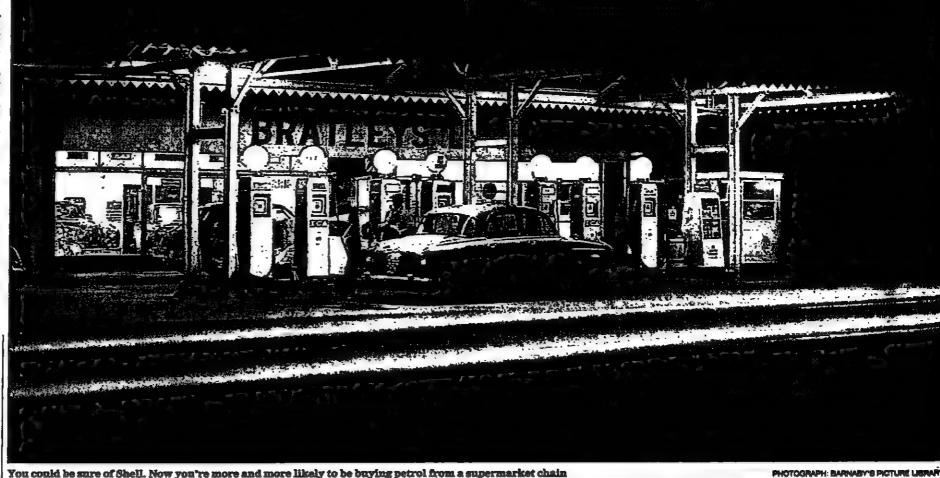
Oil prices are rising. With unprecedented competition on the petrol siztion fore-court, oil companies and their retailers are facing a savage squeeze on profit margins. Cash is heemorrhaging with every tankful of petrol sold, to an extent that worries even the biggest oil companies. For smaller groups and private

garages benkruptcy looms.
The industry's problems are made worse by the success of supermarkets in selling petrol and the economics of Europe's refineries. Refineries work most efficiently at

MOTORISTS | there are too many. Two of to fill their | the largest players, Shell and a 9 per cent return on their pared with up to 15 per cent on upstream operations.

To rub salt into the wou the supermarkets are taking advantage of the disarray by buying surplus petrol from the refineries to sell cheaply. in many cases undercutting very oil companies.

calculates that half of all four-star petrol sold between April and August — when the price war was at its height — was at below cost price. He says: "Only the richest companies can afford to go on doing this." In fact, even the richest are being forced to staunch their losses by merging operations, cutting costs and seeking economies of scale. BP and Mobil set the pace by agreeing a 23.2 billion deal to



Bruce Petter, director of the An announcement is expected any day on a similar move in the US by Shell and Texaco. Petrol Retailers Association. This week, Kif, Gulf and Murco unveiled a three-way merger aimed at cutting 250 million off refining costs. These three are small players, but the merger will secure the new group 8 per cen of the market, making it the fourth-largest downstream player, after Esso, the

recently combined operations

of BP and Mobil, and Shell.

with the taste of ash in their mouths. Having spent heavily to promote and defend their brands, they are now faced with the prospect of some of those brands disappearing. But for industry watchers, such as Mr Petter, the future is far worse than the disap-

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names. Warning that huge numbers of independent garages will disappear, he forecasts that whole regions will be left without adequate

the independent garage has been pushed out of business, the oil groups will use their grip on the market to push up ing capacity will have been cut by then, the supermarkets will have to do likewise. The AA, the motorists

organisation, agrees that the threat to rural supplies is real but disagrees about the dan-gers of price manipulation. Allegations that the big ofl

halved to 15 per cent, he says.

He also warns that, once

ompanies operate what is tantamount to a cartel in petrol retailing have been investi-gated by the Office of Fair Trading, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and more recently the trade and in-MPs called for the OFT to be given greater powers to scruti-nise the situation, but drew back from saying competition

OME support for Mr Petter's views comes from the oil industry analysts at Wood Mackenzie. Having analysed the Murco-Gulf-Elf deal, they acknowledge that the savings will be passed on to the consumer as ower prices in the short term. In the longer term, sup-ply will be concentrated in ewer corporate hands. Bruce Macfarlane of Wood-

mac says: "This is the sort of consolidation in the UK market that we are likely to see more of in the future, given the highly competitive market environment precipitated by Price Watch [Esso's cut-price campaign]. This probably does mean the closure of some in-

dependent retail sites."
The changes to petrol retailing go far beyond price. In the past five years, the oil majors have abandoned years of marketing tradition. Instead of trying to make the sale of petrol exciting by draping statious in motor-sport advertisements, marketing departments are offering a "retail experience" — developing convenience stores open 24 hours a day. Richard Ford, executive

creative director at Landor Associates and an authority on petrol retailing, says petrol stations aim to make a third of their revenue from

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stores

related activities such as a car wash, and a third from other products. The aim is to cut the importance of petrol purchase to 10 per cent of the reason for making the jour-

ney to the station.

The strategy is more than on admission that the supermarkets have taught the oil companies a lesson in selling their own product, although Sainsbury, Tesco and the others have taken their market share from 6 per cent to 21 per cent since the beginning of the decade. Demand for petrol is falling with fuel efficiency. Cars go a third further on a

The switch in strategy is

driving oil companies to join forces with retailers. BP and Safeway intend to spend 2100 million on 100 community stores at BP/Mobil sites. According to Mr Ford, oil companies are redesigning their stations to present a entler, softer image. Better lighting, more comfortable surroundings, more parking space are priorities. The goals are echoed in brand advertising. The tiger in your tank has been transformed from the performance and staying

otherwise dirty image," says Mr Ford. But no amount of sanitising will protect motorists from baving to pay more for petrol when the independents have been squeezed out.

power into a suggestion of

family values - mother and

cubs — and a snow-white en-

vironment. "It sanitises III

Highland costs fuel resentment

STROL is an much of a talking point as the weather in the Scottish Highlands. The inhabitants mow exactly how much it costs, and how much cheaper it is elsewhere.

of Belgium, who mostly live in villages or in Thurso and towns on the British main land. For many, public "Tetrol is the life blood of this region," said Thurso's deputy provost, Falconer Waters. "Families depend

on their cars for survival and the petrol prices can add 20 per cent to their costs. We could be talking about an economically driven clearance of the Highlands and we've already suffered one of those last century."
He is cynical about competition in the Thurso area,

which has three stations owned by Esso, BP and Shell but no longer any in-

"Two of the garages get they do in central Scotland, their petrol from the same so the filling station at the

ster but it is no cheaper. I am not saying that there is a cartel, but the prices seem to move together and it is the big boys who used to supply the independents who would be next to a post office or grocers."

As vice-chairman of the Highlands' economic development committee, Counabout the impact of higher petrol prices on invest-

"Petrol can be 10 pence cheaper in Inverness, which is our nearest mainthree-hour drive away. It is 63.9p in Thurso but it has gone up to 70p in the last few months in parts of north Sutherland.

"It is in the high 50s in Inverness. We are told that tion costs, but they bring the damn stuff ashore 100 miles away. We don't agree with that argument any way, because a bottle of London as it does in Inverness. The supermarkets in Thurso sell food at pretty much the same prices as tanker and the third gets it from a wholesaler in Scrab-to manage it with petrol."

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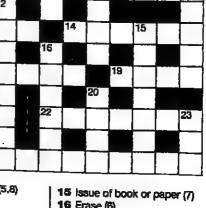
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Linda McCartney writes an exclusive account of the art and artlessness of her photography as she launches her latest book of pictures

sixties and I went to a night class. I didn't really know

through the course.

There were only three other peo-There were only three other people in this room and me and my friend who asked me along. The classroom was full of all these open books of the photography of Walker Evans, Dorothea Langs and Edward Weston, all these wonderful photographs. I looked and I was inspired.

At the end of the hour the teacher said "All right people..." take your roll of film and I'll see you next week." So I went up to her and said I don't have a camers and I don't know how to take a pic-

that's how it all began and to this day, I don't know about the mechanics of photography.

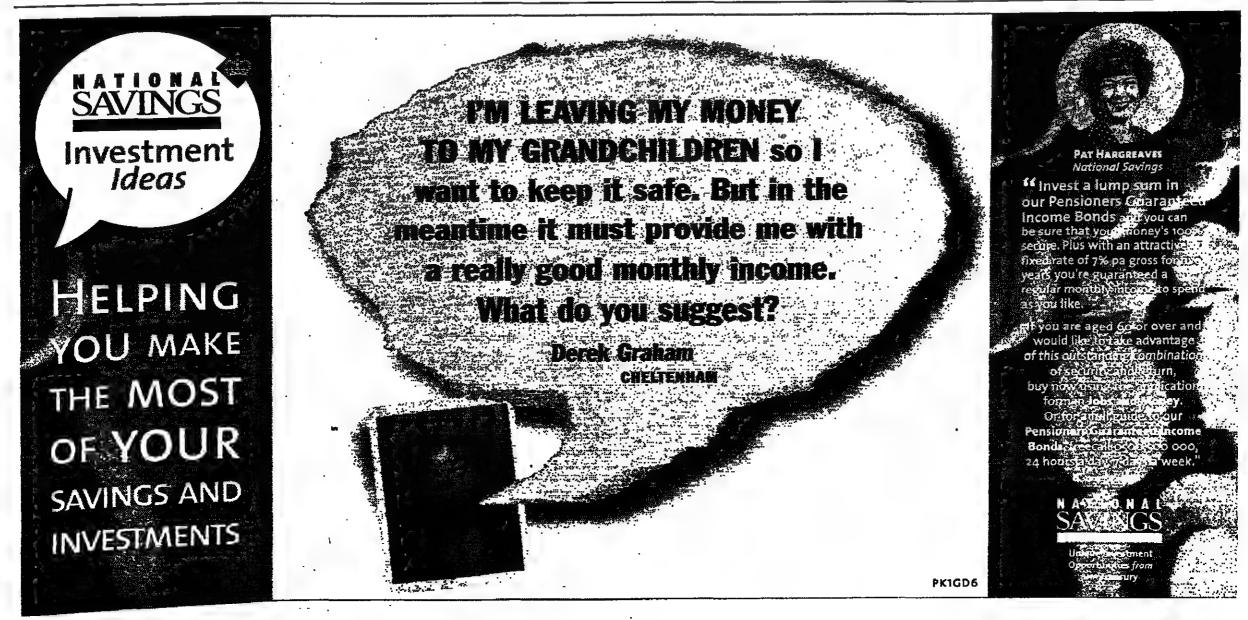
People have asked me if I'd like to know the technical side. I think

I would have liked to have learnt more about how to create a picture artificially — but that would have made me miss the moment. Click-ing at the moment and being at a place that stimulates you for that moment is really what it's all about for me.

McCartney in the mirror

strings of onions hanging up in the kitchen, very basic living. That influenced me, a lot of my photography is of just basic things, but with a twist to it. I like very basic living, but twisting it. That's why I like the surreal. I majored in art history and although I loved most periods of art I was so intrigued by Dadaism and Surrealism, because of the

and Surrealism, because of the quirky ways things were put together. It was not middle of the



Quiz answers

round-the-world "wall 2. (c) Sarah Ferguson 3. (c) Sarah Ferguson 4. (c) Princess Diana

Fiyona Campbell, who admitted to taking a lift in a Land Rover during her

4. (c) Princess Diana
5. (c) Angus Steak House, London
6. Michael Jackson, who is expecting his
first child by nurse Debbie Rowe. Me Rowe
will receive \$300,000 for her "gift of love".
7. The McLibel case, which became the
longest trial in British legal history.
8. (c) Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, who polled \$85,000 votes. Nacler,
the Green candidate, was fifth; Philips, of
the US Taxopayers Parry, skoth.

the US Taxopayers Party, sixth.

9. Messre Stone and Costner, allegedly imbrofled in a passionate affair.

10. Philip de Glanville, England's new

rugby captain. 11. Terry Venables 12. Following a referendum in Gwynedd,

pubs will be permitted to open on Sun-days throughout the Principality for the

first time. 13. (b) John Major revealing his career

plans for the future.

14. (c) Tony Blair, who got 95 per cent

(a) John Major. The Spice Girls switched on the Christmas lights in

Oxford Street.

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10-14 Princess

How you rate

Found in Guardian archives: Michael Collins's Irish plea

The big fellow writes

Michael Collins contributed this to the Manchester Guardian immediately after signing the Anglo-Irish Treaty on December 6, 1921

HE history of Ireland as an ancient independent nation, which is now at last receiving recognition, is utterly different from that of the colonies, who have gradually outgrown the tutelage of their mother country. But though their relation to England differs so widely, Ireland and her dominions present now to England an immediate problem containing the same elements.

The colonies, as full-grown children, are restive under any appearance of parental restraint, though willing to co-operate with the parent on an equal footing in regard to all family matters. Ireland would be equally willing to co-operate in a free association on all matters which would be naturally the common concern of two nations living so closely together. The problem on both sides

can only be solved by recog-nising without limitation-the complete independence of the several countries, and only on that basis can they all be associated together by ties of co-operation and friendship. The only associa-tion which will be satisfactory to Ireland and to Great Britain and to the dominions for Ireland to enter will be one based not on the present technical legal status of the dominions, but on the real position which they claim and have secured.

In the interest of all the associated states, in the interest, above all, of England herself, it is essential that the present de facto position should be recog-nised de jure, and that all its

tional independence of all the governments should be acknowledged.

An association on the foregoing conditions would be a novelty in the world. But the world is looking for such a development, and it is necessary if the old world of internecine conflict is to emerge into the new world of co-operative harmony For such an association would be the pattern for national cooperation on a wider scale, and might form the nucleus of a real League of Nations of the World.

Great Britain now has the opportunity to lay the foun-dations of such a new worlddations of such a new worldorder in the relations
established between the
nations of the British
Commonwealth.
In such a league, there
would be no inequality of
status. Oaths of allegiance
from one nation to another
would become meaningless

would become meaningles where there would be real adherance of all to the common interests. The creation of such a league is the best, indeed the only possible way for England to obtain the permanent security which she needs. The only bond by which the Commonwealth can be kept together is that there should be no bond inconsistent with the freedom and equality of any of the nations included in the

General Smuts has given warning that South Africa will be restive in any association which is not a League of Free Nations. The colonies can only be kept if they are themselves on a free and equal footing and if such a footing is also con-ceded to Ireland as a free partner in the group. If ireland were free, all the component nations in the implications as regards soverignty, allegience, constitutional firmly together.



THEME OF **FERGUSONS**

OF THE top two Pergusons in crisis, it's a toss up whether Pergie the Duchess of York or Pergie the manager of Manchester United

had the worse time. The Duchess suffered enough indignity for the hardest republican to feel sorry for her Serialisation began of a book, Fergie, He Secret Life by a shadowy for-mer hanger-on, Dr Allan Starkie. The Daily Mail, in its preamble to the revela-tions, confessed Starkie "in a being Fergie's "comsei, confidant, business ailvis and friend" rang homilistingly true. No corner of Faction,

privacy remained un-probed; there were detailed slept with, and with whom she had merely practised frottage. John Bryan, the erstwhile financial adviser it emerged, was compelled merely to rub along with the Duchess until, one night in Argentina, she granted him full penetrative facilities. Perhaps the most embar-

rassing disclosure for Fergle came at her own hand. In her simultaneous book came the confession that when Bryan was anapped by a French photographer apparently sacking the regal toes, the pair were actually playing a make believe Cinderella game. it was enough to make the trongest stomached reader

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penetrating the defences

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Perguson, a Devisiblity PE teacher and member of Dencaster hickey tests, you might think all Perguidess were shouned. Mr Perguidess had a stording Subjecting Previously the scorer of each

BEEN PAYING ATTENTION

ok us all for a ride?

2. The new face of Olympus. Who? (a) Claudia Schiffe (b) Sharen Stone (c) Sarah Ferguson (d) Zous

3. "I was exposed for what I truly was. Worthless, Unfit." Who? (a) Michael Jackson (b) Paul Cascolgne (c) Sarah Ferguson (d) Ffyona Campbell

response to an alleg affair with Pakistani eart surgeon Hasnat Khant (b) Sarah Ferguson (c) Princess Diana Goldsmith

(d) Boris Yeitsin Gallagher celebrate after receiving a cheque for £2 million from Sony? (a) Hotel de Paris, M Carlo

(b) Maxim's, Paris (c) Angus Steak Ho (d) Little Chef. Runcort

6, "This is my dream come true". Which expectant father?

7, 292 days . . . and still no end to the beefing. Which dispute?

8. Who came fourth in the US election? (a) George (b) Raiph Nader d Harry Brown

9, Sheron loves Kevin. But which Sheron, and sho's Keyler?

Too late for my father - but not for his people

This week last year November 10, 1995

YEAR ago this week, I drove myself to break-down trying to draw the attention of politicians to a tragedy unfolding before the world's eves. It was in vain. My father, Ken Saro-Wiwa, and eight other goni environmentalist were, as John Major put it, "judicially murdered".

The Prime Minister was just one of the voices fast to condemn the execution but slow to intervene to prevent it. They, along with the Shell company, had pressed us to mind their "quiet diplomacy" when those who knew, like Wole Soyinka, were saving that only tough. direct action would impress

the military junta. In the days that followed I had many messages of condolence from Commonwealth and European leaders. I was even received by the secretary general of the United Nations. Many promises were made. My father's death would not be in vain. Serious questions would be asked of Shell's role in the Ogoni saga. Resolutions were passed by parliaments around the world, including the UN General Assembly Many fine words but little action fol-

Today our families are still in mourning. But our thoughts are also with the 19 Ogoni men still held in a Port Harcourt prison from where they saw my father's execution. Their crime is the same as his — standing up for the social and environwe take for granted. It is too late for my father. But not for them or for the people of

Meanwhile in Ogoni the military road blocks are again in place. The people are still subject to arbitrary justice by a regime which he declared itself judge and fury and proved itself no respecter of the international community, public opinion, the laws and moral imperatives of economics and common decency

In the face of world-wide pressure, the Nigerian dictatorship pleads for time, citing its timetable for a return to democracy So much for the pious promises of a year ago. Time will tell whether the General is sincere, whether the measures that Shell claimed to have put in place will be maintained. For us, our requests are



up. It is not enough, as my

father pointed out, "to hide

simple. As a son, I would like my father's body returned for burial. The dictators still deny us that. As an Ogoni, I would like my people and our land treated by Shell with the same respect as they afford communities in Britain. As a democrat, I would like Nigeria freed from military dictatorship. As a citizen, I would like democratic politicians to recognise that they must hold accountable people who perpetrate crimes like the murder of my father.

In the next year, I hope the

silent elements within Shell Failed: London protests before the judicial murder who prefer constructive engagement rather than sly enimeye iliw szenneszur their conscience and stand

under the claim that they are only doing their duty". Some, like Shell's former environmentalist Bopp van Dessel who resigned in that Shell and the Nigerian protest at the company's government have spent mil-lions only fills me with conrecord in the Delta, have already shown great courage. There are many others who tempt: But as my father said have misgivings, but whose in a final statement to the tri-

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Other Fergusons were just as underly Doncan Ferguson of Everton had to pull out of a Scotland game because of injury it was the 16th occasion in 17 interes.

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Being abroad was no life extrem for misucky Peoples in Pelm Springs, Bud Perguson, a flambouint for mer mayor of Moorpark.

epprahensions are for the general good. It is shameful that Shell preaches against "emotive reaction". Thus far it has chosen to carry on as usual and hire expensive image-launderers to wipe the stain of blood from its conscience. The fact

are not the only ones on trial Shell is here on trial ... the company has ducked this particular trial, but its day will surely come . . . the eco-logical war that the company has waged in Delta will be called to question and the crimes of that war will be punished. The crime of the company's dirty wars

bunai: "I and my colleagues

The debate moved into a new sphere with my father's death, but ponderous as ever, Shell and the Nigerian authorities remain two steps behind. It is only a matter of time before their crimes catch up with them. How many Shell executives would be prepared to walk the gal-lows to defend their beliefs? This past year has, for me,

been one of consolidation and recovery. That has been achieved. The future offers the tantalising prospect of reconciliation. I have no loubt that time will heal. I have always tried to main-tain an equilibrium and dignity in the face of great insensitivity, provocation and even hostility. I have my father's legacy to uphold and his example to

11. if the cap fits . . . who is this new honorar, Follow of Wolverhampton

12. An unusually wet resource should in Water. Why?

13. "I would like a job that would surround me with the things I love maybe working in a library." Who's the (a) Prince Charles (b) John Wajor (c) Damon Albarn (d) Liam Gallagher

14. Who got 95 per cent support for a new political programm (a) Benazir Bhutto (b) John Major (e) Tony Bizir (d) Jean-Bedel Boki

15. Who really really up Regent Street? (a) John Major (b) Tony Biair (c) Paddy Ashdown (d) The Spice Giris

Answers, bottom left of this page

Me and view

4 page 13 incredible eye and an incredible passion for photogra-phy and I'd say he was one of my biggest all-time educations, not only the photographs that he chose to exhibit, but the way in which they were printed and the paper they used and old-fashioned ways of printing. The sixties were such a rich period, for visuals, There were no rules — that's what I like. I like the weird. As I say in the book, I like to accentuate the weirdness. I don't mean that I like weirdness, but I like quirkiness and humour.

I also like quirkiness in life. When I was taking these pictures I was looking for that; I was looking for something that caught my psyche, something that was different but not set up or posed. Something that was candid. It could be surreal, it could be quirky, it could be just sentimental, It could be cute, it could be shadows and light. Really just nature's - or life's way of making things a little bit

special for that moment. My friend Brian Clarks, the artist, says nothing is so trivial that it should not be of the great-est interest to the photographer and he sums me up: I could take pictures of a roll of toilet paper if it had something quirky about it. To me, nothing is too trivial not to take a photograph of it. Some-times you can take a photograph of the most trivial thing and it

becomes the most important.

And I think that approach is more evident here, in Roadworks. than in other books of my photography. These pictures are really on the spot, capturing a moment in time. But then again even my portraits are like that, just



very what's happening and it's what's going on around me taken without guile or malice. I have a love and passion for what I photograph and I actually see.

I see things that a lot of other people don't see. If I'm photographing a child with its mother or grandfather, I can see the rela-tionship between them through the lens. Through the lens I escape

the road, a lot of the pictures were

taken on the hip, no time to check the film speed or the light — but I've never used a lightmeter anyway and I've rarely ever used arti-ficial light. I just get the moment and I click.
Like I just clicked for My Love

which is one of my favourites

from this book. People ask me how

Wig, New York, 1989 . . . I don't like to connive in photographs'

I did that shot. I don't know. How's that? I had noticed Paul's eyes in the mirror, I liked the whole scene around me but I was mainly photographing his eyes in the mirror. I got a good depth of field with it but then there was the reflection of the baby in the windscreen, so it was sort of like three pictures in one. But it was all non-planned. It was all guess how I could do it but not knowing how I could do it. It was just guessing. I thought "I want to get that", so I just did the best thing that I could and it worked.

character in my photography too. When Paul's on tour, other pho raphers might be interested in getting the guitar-hero shot but I'm not. I'm interested in taking pic-tures of the roadcrew, the characters. I took a photograph recently of a Mexican guy with a knapsack on his back which said Mexicano and other stuff he'd written on it. To me he was very interesting, so I just took a photograph of him and his shadow. But if a star had been standing there. I wouldn't have bothered to take the picture.

I'm interested in capturing

To me, everyone is a star in their own right and although in some of these photographs there may appear to be despair or grime, I don't care about that. I'm literally capturing life as I walk through it. And life's like that. I'm interested in those craggy faces — I would much rather photograph a tramp in the street than a top model.

I don't like to exploit my situation and I never have. Even when I first began working photographi-cally I refused to do that. I remember going to a magazine in the sixties with my portfolio and when the editors saw these pictures of all these pop stars they said "Great! We're going to use you — but we really want to see these people shooting up drugs. We really want you to get in close." I said "Thank

you very much" and walked out.
I don't like to connive in my phoasked all the time: "Come down to Andy Warhol's Factory and photograph all the freaks." Actually, it wasn't that freaky, but I found that was all too contrived for me. As I say, I photograph life as I see it, not posing it. I do see the despair that them see. I say see the despair others see. I also see the despair that they don't. For me, butchers' that they don't. For me, butchers' shops are despair: dead animals hanging by their legs or their necks. Or children suffering. Some people have asked me if I avoid the pretty pictures, but I actually love the pretty I take a lot of pictures of flowers, or shadows of flowers. Or dewdrops on flowers. I do photograph the pretty as well, but walking through daily life as I did in this book, there wasn't that much that was pretty.

I was doing photography for years before I met Paul; it's not like "She married a pop star and then did it". This is something that I love and it became my life. I had a job, a proper office job, but photography, by fate, started to pay more than my weekly job. So it went from a hobby to a profession. But I thought when I did Roadworks a lot of people are going to look at this and think "Well, I could do that." I think anyone could do it, but you've got to have a passion for it — a depth and a feel for light. Photography really is about light, and whereas this book can make everything look very

easy there's more to it than that.

My photography is from an innocent point of view. I've taken pictures when it's been pitch clack: I've seen something and I've just opened up the camera, let a lot of light in, held it very still and I've still got a good picture because I'm so inspired. But it is total inno-

cence, my photography.

At the same time I'm not innocent about the effect of photography and I do use my art as a tool or a mouthpieca. If I could change the world and change the horror of what human beings do to all other living things - from cutting down the oldest oak tree to butchering the cutest cow — then I would try to capture it on camera. And that's what I've tried to do with some of the photographs here.

But they are just a little drop, a little puddle of my photography, the pictures in this book. There's a lot more photographs where these came from; these are just a few things that caught my eye.

And that's how it happens. I remember being in New York, on my way down with a BBC film crew, filming for a documentary

crew, filming for a documentary they did on me called Behind The Lens. On our way we passed through Hell's Kitchen and I saw all these butchers' shops and hor-rible stuff. I made them stop the cars and turn around so I could take those picture. It was great, an experience of my passion and I'm going to do that soon - I'm going to photograph butchers' shops and that way say to people 'You really want to eat these dead things? You make cuddly toys of the same things you're going to torture and eat, what's it about?'

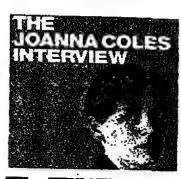
. It was while I was photographing these butchers' windows that I got that shot of the guy in the street in Hell's Kitchen, a great character. He just walked up and I pho-tographed him. No posing. But I got so much of that, events happen. From stopping to take one picture I get other pictures. I seem to create some kind of stir in the air. Something cooks. It's kind of fun.

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Nana's song for Europe in the language of politics

She has 300 platinum discs. Now the Greek pop legend has added minority interests to her repertoire



Nana Mouskouri.
Who could forget the human oboe in square black glasses with her skein of black hair and tyre-print middle parting?
Back in the days of one-nation Back in the days of one-nation television, her ballads haunted Saturday night. The time comes when we must be apart. So good-by my love till then.

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Her appeal lay in sincerity, not sex, her songs romantic rather than raunchy, ensuring she spent an astonishing total of 208 weeks in the British pop charts. Attic Toys, Paper Kites, In the Sun And In The Wind, her song titles were quaint, unthreatening, her lyrics gentle and winsoms. And you must leave me till the white rose blooms again. Till the white rose

We have arranged to meet in Brussels to discuss her latest campaign for the European Parliament. What? Yes, that's right, take a deep breath from the dis-Nana Mouskouri is now

"I was on tour in South America singing, in Bogota, when I received a phone call from a political friend of mine who asked me

if I would like to represent Greece
in the European Parliament!"
And why not, who cares if she
had "never even thought about
politics up until then"? Nana said yes. She was still on tour when the rightwing New Democracy Party held its selection meeting back home, but no matter, she was selected anyway. Everyone in Greece knows Nama. She has 300 platinum discs from all around the world plastered across the walls of her three homes in Athens, Paris and Geneva. In modern Greek mythology, she flies higher

than lcarus. Her Brussels office is desmed too small for the interview, so one of her seven secretaries, a preity blonde, is dispatched to patrol the bar and find a quiet corner. We have no luck until she is beckoned over by two elderly male MEPs who have been watching her progress longingly. The secretary ex-plains our dilemma whereupon one of them sheepishly produces a key and leads us into a spacious office with a splendid view over

the city. Nana Mouskouri hasn't changed. The glossy black hair ap-pears not to have grown, the spectacles are exactly the same.
"Hello," she cries, her gold
hooped earrings flashing as she
swings into the office in a blur of crane jerks to attention and swings towards our window as if she is emitting a strange and un-

seen magnetic force.
For some reason — the glasses I suppose — I had assumed she was plain and am startled by her beauty. At 61, she is remarkably attractive with a glowing, dusty pink complexion and smiley prown eyes. Ten minutes in and I find myself staring at her lineless skin trying to work out if she's had a facelift. I think it's unlikely,

she doesn't seem vain enough. But boy can she talk. She talks and talks and talks within minutes of her arrival, I am wrapped in a tangled briar of her words, fighting them off to get a word in edgeways. At one point I wonder if I should put my hand up to indicate a question, or if she is pointlessly.

operated by clockwork and it's just a matter of waiting until she's wound down

Ironically, I am here to ask her about language and her campaign to protect one of Europe's most endangered species, minor

"It's not even English English, it's American English," she says indignantly, explaining that all the instructions for new technology at the EU are now produced in English. In response, she has launched Operation Ariane to support the translation and publication of documents in all sorts of lesser spoken languages such as Catalan, Basque, Welsh, Gaetic and of course, Greek. Earlier this month, much to the scorn of British Euro-sceptics, Operation Ariane was given an EU grant of 29 million

learned it so I could sing many folk and jazz songs," she continues quickly, fearing that her cam-paign has been misconstrued as anti-British. And then she's off and running against the silence as if every word is a potential goal.

guages is this, we are Europe and each separate country has its cul-ture, and language is one of the main expressions of that culture. It's part of a country's identity. have nothing against English, but the problem is not all people have access to it. Our project puts the emphasis on education, schools will have to offer three languages. And new technology must be explained but not just in English."

She doesn't need to pause for breath, her lungs seem to fill auto-matically as if perhaps she keeps a discreet intravenous supply of oxygan in her beg. Neither does she appear to punctuate, relying on repetition for effect. Her spoken voice is still musical husky, like a smoky tenor saxo listening to her fill the room, I begin to feel as though I am being enguifed in a tidal wave of words. Her sentences race into each other with no beginning nor end. How many languages do you

speak, I interrupt. "Six," she answers without hesitation. "Greek, English, Franch, German, Spanish and Italian. And I'm learning Dutch at the moment because so many people speak it in Belgium, then Tm going to learn Russian, because Russia is something elsel And after that Chi-nese," she adds brightly. Does she think the British are

terribly lazy, I ask, guiltily? "Oh no, not lazy," she smiles wagging a finger. "And I don't think learning languages is about talent either, if you love doing something you can do it! But it's OK for you guys, wherever you go people will always be able to say 'Hello', but for me, for small countries and little people, we can't travel without speaking another

language."

She speaks so passionately, I wonder if she has found a new vocation. Which does she prefer singing or politicking? "I am a singer and will always remain a singer," she declares, each of her fingers twisting and curling like individual Thai Cancers.

"I work full-time here and I kill myself, then I find time to sing. I have two records in Spanish at the moment, so I go to Spain and South America to sing next year. Last year I toured in Germany for two months and I found I could sing on Thursdays, Fridays, the weekend and Mondays and still be here for the rest of the days!"

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She launches into another of her wild sing-songy declarations, faultless in its sincerity. "My feeling communicating and finding love in life comes through my singing, but politics is important and my message is always nears." and my message is always peoc and love and democracy and equal

"Tell ms ..." I begin



Finding leve in life comes through my singing, but politics is important

"... And I think artists they do love communication, they express themselves, we all need love, we all do for everything for love, we need to feel that people love us and so we can only feel that by

mmunicating!"
"How interesting, but..." "Languages are a wonderful communication," she rattles on "This world here will survive with diversity, with cultures, be-cause I don't think only politics can save the world!"

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I nod as she hurries on and I find myself momentarily distracted by her jewellery. Five gold rings on one finger alone, one big ruby, one big emerald, three more plain rings, two with fancy filigree, five gold bangles on the left arm, gold watch. Still one of the highest corning famels a incare in st-earning female singers in

the world, Mouskouri could buy the entire National Bank of Greece, but what about other matters European, monetary union for instance?
"It would be nice if there was a

Euro and behind it each country had their own currency still, but it has to be a harmonisation. It will be difficult to be achieved, but it's how you say . . . tndispensible!"

But if currency can be harmonised for the sake of European unity, why not the use of lan-guage? "No, it's not the same," she cries. "The Euro is completely new and neutral, whereas every country would like their language to be the first. The Germans would prefer we all speak German, the prefer we all speak German, the French French etc. Only a few lan-guages means everything becomes homogenised, like America.

It's a wonderful country, but wherever you go you have the same kind of food, it's all the same. Let's keep all Europe's personalities."
But what about the problems in Catalonia and the Basque region, I protest. Isn't she encouraging na-tionalism? Besides, in these days of the global village, what's the point of keeping minor languages

Is there anything more tiresome than driving through Wales and seeing an English road sign with an identical Welsh translation by

"Oh, no," she squeals horrifed. "If we start learning other lan-guages and histories and the music of other countries, we will

start to love each other."

She is due at a plenary s but there is something else I'm curious about. Those glasses. Will she take them off a moment? "Oh,

no, I feel naked without them!" Has she ever tried contact lenses? "No, once I accepted I had to wear glasses I didn't want to take them off. They suit my face. I wanted to be myself, I was always this girl with the glasses and being a singer you didn't have the right to wear glasses." o wear glasses."

Did she ever consider herself a

sex symbol? "No! I never was. I felt my glasses protected me. I wanted to succeed with my singing, not anything else. I didn't have any-thing else! I try not to feel inse-cure. I wasn't a beautiful girl, I had to wear glasses, but what I can do
is to sing. I'm a good singer and
now I'm trying to be a good MEP."
Perhaps John Major should give
Cliff Richard a ring.



Targeting the enemy within our classrooms

ILLIAN Shephard's threat to send in a task force at the Ridings School presumably means that the Tories aim to hold s khaki election, after a war in which the enemy is the teaching profession. A war is exactly what the Tories need at this point. The problem has been finding someone

to fight. We have been re-arming Argen-tina. Selling arms to people is often tina. Selling arms to people is often the prelude to a war with them. But it's not a sufficient reason. The government must appear to be defending something—like educational standards. But "humanitarian" jaunts like the sort of thing attempted in Bosnia and mooted in Zeire, are never very successful. Armies are for killing people; it never looks convincing when they never looks convincing when they pose as fortified soup-kitchens.

No, the Tories need a proper war with a clearly-defined enemy. Major did manage to restart the war in Ireland but he can't win that one and it's been going on for too long. The public are fed up with it and prefer the idea of peace. For a while, it seemed as though peace in Ireland was Major's Big Idea to win the election; but he's a principled man who would never resort to a peaceful solution for electoral

So, he needs a war that appears to be brand new, ideally fought right here in Britain to maximise media coverage. The Tories are not strong, so they need a tired, badly-equipped and demoralised

enemy. Teachers are perfect, and the Ridings is the ideal place to stage the invasion. It will appear that the government is not responsible for the conflict but is intervening to stop it. Having pitted parents and children against teachers and unions, the Tories just have to take sides. They've even sent an Ofsted expeditionary force to give the teachers three weeks to comply

with their demands. But here my analogy, already under severe strain, falls apart completely. The teachers, unlike Irag or Argentina, have never had any support from the Tories. They have been under sustained covert attack for years. The "Crisis in Education" is perhaps more like a colonial situation, in which the government has successfully played off against each other groups whose interests are really the same and who should be uniting to fight the oppressor.

Even then, not all teachers and parents are fighting each other. After all, many people are both teachers and parents. But in the media, Child and Teacher are pre-sented as warring factions locked in an intractable and inexplicable conflict, backed by the two larger powers, Parents and Unions. Ofsted appears as an impartial peacekeeping force. Chris Woodhead has been transformed from rightwing hatchet-man to troubleshooting diplomat overnight; the fastest and most ludicrous rein-

vention since Henry Kissinger. The way in which Gillian Shephard has suddenly championed consumer is king — or rather, an emperor in new clothes of the pupils — saying they are being let down days after saving they flimsy and synthetic kind which

perfect

arbitrary. She might as easily have damned children and cham-pioned teachers. But teachers in state schools are public-sector employees, and as such are legitimate targets for the Conservative Party.

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Moreover, the Tories created the conflict in education by sending in market forces, and in that situation they must appear to side with the consumer, that is, the parents. In the market-place, the

are all you can get in most modern market-places.
Parental choice, like consumer

choice, is a great capitalist myth. You can only choose from the lim-ited selection available, and even then they might not have what you choose in stock, unless you're rich; then you can have whatever you

The ethos of private education has infected the state sytem. Instead of taxation being regarded a the source of funding for public expenditure, thus providing chilit is now viewed as a system by which parents buy schooling on the open market. Ultimately, the Tories wish to make us all pay directly for education. The plan is to issue vouchers which can be redeemed at schools and colleges People with no children will be able to choose a set of tumblers

In the meantime, parents are already encouraged to choose schools and given the illusion that their demands can always be met. which mess.

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At the same time, schools are encouraged to choose pupils. Some schools use the only sensible criterion, which is to try to serve all local children, regardless of parents' class, religion or aspiration.

Some eye up children as though they were cattle at auction. Some do a bit of both. And some end up with the kids nobody else will take. a fact which is obvious to the kids concerned and does little for their sense of dignity. It also means that behavioural problems combine and multiply, that teachers are over-stretched, that Ofsted can breeze in to issue high-handed condemnations, and that the media can turn the whole thing into a

Soon, CNN will arrive in Yorkshire and in a couple of years for-mer school inspectors will write best-selling, trashy war-memoirs about the Battle of Calderdale. There will be no winners in the war, except possibly the party which has caused the whole bloody



O Lucky Jim, how I envy the man who wrote him

Who's right to fight?

SUNDAY: An unexpected weekend treat, as I re-read Lucky Jim for the first time since I bought the now-yellowed and brittle paperback in 1961. At the time, long before Kingsley Amis became a rightwing bores' rightwing bore, he was thought of s a savage, satirical leftie. In fact, the book is far better than that; the continuous comic invention, its ability to find hilarious new tones of voice, and the way in which miraculously -- every single word in the book has its individual purpose and pulls its own weight, remind me most of PG Wode-house. Professor Welch is one of the great monsters of English fic-tion, so much so that there were literally dozens of academics who thought he was based on them. (The poet D J Enright recalls one. a Professor Potter, hiding from him throughout a conference in Berlin, under the impression that Enright was Amis and Potter was the model for Welch.) I met Amis a few times, when he seemed to be more concerned with the brand of malt whisky he was being bought than with his writing, but his last novel. The Biographer's Moustache, was a fine and funny return

MONDAY: Naturally, I buy the new Hello! magazine containing My Story by Fergie. Last week, was whingeing about the way we cling to outdated stereotypes of America, but here she says: "In Britain, where sex can never be mentioned..." Never be mentioned? This is a nation which seems to mention little else. News papers and magazines are stuffed with it. On TV we have the Good Sex Guide, The Sex Show and Les-bian Night on Channel 4. Almost uniquely among western nations hard-core pornography can't be sold here, presumably because the authorities are afraid that our obsession with sex might turn into a rampant psychopathic condition. It's because sex is mentioned all the time that even respectable newspapers can describe Fergie's love life in detail. But the line has been inserted to please Americans, who need to believe we are a repressed and inhibited people. They couldn't handle the reality.

TUESDAY: Stay up much too late to watch the US elections, even after the result is obvious. This is because on cable we get Dan Rather of CBS, a newscaster who

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ing remains the "Noble Art of Self-

injuries, behind rugby, football,

horse-riding and motor-racing, to

me as rather strange that people

like yourself are so vocal in your

advocacy for the banning of box-

ing, yet quiet when fatalities occur

Boxing has always remained a

working class sport and has pro-vided a great deal of enjoyment for many people. It has given many

youngsters the opportunity to make something of their life. In a

society, surely no one has the right

to deny these young men the op-

portunity of going in search of

Doonesbury

LASTLY, I JUST WANT TO WISH YOU AND CHASE

ALL THE BEST ..

their dreams.

Yours, Colin

Western common sense, but has a wonderful habit of going bonkers on air — though regrettably he seems to stay sane tonight. I liked Joan Rivers's line: "Choosing be-tween Clinton and Dole is like having to pick your favourite Menendez brother." I finally went to bed

'Cheating match-girl Eliza, 13, cons the public by standing barefoot in the snow. But at home she has a pair of shoes . . . ?

after the good news that the Demo-crat Max Cleland, a Vietnam veteran and triple amputee, has won the Senate seat in Georgia. He campaigned on the slogan: "Sup-port Max Cieland. He can only put one hand in the till."

WEDNESDAY: The Big Issue magazine this week is largely devoted to a Sun newspaper article in which they claimed to have found

seller of the magazine who makes £1,000 a week and lives in a comfortable home. They are, reasonably enough, indignant and say the figure is a wild exaggeration. But there are always prob-lems when charity masquerades as commerce. What do you do about those young people who turn up at your door, selling use-less household goods such as £3 oven gloves which, if you used them to pick up a hot dish, would heave you screaming in agony? Of leave you screaming in agony? Of course the Sun is mean-spirited and nasty. You know that 100 years ago they'd have written: "Cheating match-girl Eliza, 13, cons the kind-hearted public by standing barefoot in the snow. But at home in her cosy one-up, one-down hovel, Eliza has a pair of shoes..." The Big Issue's problem is that it can't decide whether it's written for the homeless or for the bourgeoiste who buy it. Or both. As one disgruntled seller told me in Brighton the other day. "I'd shift a lot more of these if there

THURSDAY: Wake up to hear my own voice on the radio, calling the late Brian Redhead solipsistic. If you even said "nice day" to him.

was anything to read in 'em."

he'd tell you that he'd said the same to Mrs Thatcher that morn-ing, and she'd replied: "As always." Brian, you're absolutely right."
The full radio profile which followed that evening was described as "warts and all," though there seemed to be considerably more warts than all, I felt a little uneasy. When the BBC phoned last month I said I had liked and admired Brian, but that he was self-obsessed. They sounded relieved, and implied that everyone else - even people who had openly disliked him when he was alive — had refused to breathe a disparaging word on air. My contribution would be the vinegar on the salad. In the programme, however, the criticism was piled thick and high. Did they hint to everyone that theirs would be the only astringent remarks? And is this why everyone was so willing to attack? (John Humphrys called him a Walter Mitty fantasist.) I don't suppose they deliberately meant to mislead the contributors and certainly the judgments broadcast struck me as, individually, quite accurate. But the overall impression was, I felt, skewed against Brian, and if I

were his daughter, I suspect I'd be

tate that the risks in boxing are no greater than in other sports.
As to the plight of Muhammad
Ali, once again you have got your facts wrong. It is common knowledge that Ali suffers from Parkinson's disease, and to blame this solely on boxing is a gross misin-

worlds. For you, toxing is home art. But to the great British public the face of boxing is represented by the "Dark Destroyer" Nigel Benn and the convicted rapist who appears on our screens tonight. They are the heroes in this miserable business who are paid millions to

And there is no doubt about the purpose — to knock the other man unconscious. To me this is not a spectacle which should be encour-aged in a civilised society. Do not blame the media, they are simply

evidence indicates that he is suffering from the punch-drunk syndrome.

You state that one or two doctors disagree with the views of the BMA. But the BMA is the representative organisation of the entire medical profession in this country. They came to their conclusions after carefully monitoring, over a number of years, the brain damaged caused by successive blows to

I wonder if you ever ask yourself whether it is right to encourage young people to enter this sport and expose them to the risks described by the BMA. There are surely many more and less damag-ing activities which can satisfy their natural desire for excitement and adventure. In at least one of the Scandinavian countries, box-ing is banned. It is surely high time we followed their example.

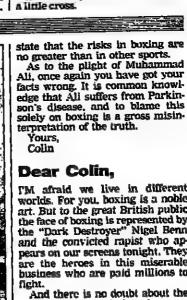
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Boxing is to me a noble art. The alm is not to inflict permanent damage and it is for this reason that the medical profession is in fact divided. There are numerous doctors attending the shows who are passionate supporters of the

The public have given boxing their seal of approval, and the numerous debates and polls suggest that they are aware of the many benefits the sport has to offer, and will be firmly behind the moves to have it reintroduced into the national curriculum. Parents are all too aware that in an increas-ingly violent society, the virtues of respect, motivation, confidence and pride that boxing instils should be allowed to flourish in a controlled and safe environment. If my children wanted to become professional boxers, at the end of the day I would let the decision be

Yours, Colin



reporting the event. You suggest that I am misin-formed about Muhammed All, but

the head inflicted in the ring.

Yours sincerely,

Dear Lord Taylor, QUITE agree, for once at least that we are from different worlds. I'm from a world where there is a free society, and individuals are allowed to make their own decisions in their pursuit of enjoysuggest, as you do, that the face of boxing is represented by "bad" role models and the criminal element, is certainly not true. You only have to read recent newspaper reports to see that in football and cricket there have been those who've fallen short of the moral

heroes. Boxing, like all sports, is composed of many types; some who do good, some who do not.

I note you still fail to accept the proven medical fact that Muhamform of Parkinson's disease, implying still that his condition is

due solely to boxing.



Dear Colin,

HERE are laws in this country recently con-firmed in a House of Lords judgment which state that whosever maliciously inflict any grievous bodily harm even with consent upon any other person shall be guilty of an offence. I suggest that when two people are in a ring they are intent on doing bodily harm to their opponent. The intention is to knock their opponent unconscious. If these two individuals were to step out of the ring they would be arrested. It is said that other sports | I'm paid.' are dangerous, indeed a young man was killed the other day in a rugby match but boxing is the only sport in which it is the intention to nflict damage on an opponent. Other sports have rules, like soccar and rugby, to prevent that

There is an important moral argument against boxing. In the last vear, politicians have been con-

violence. Years ago, cock-fighting was regarded as a legitimate sport but is now banned because people felt that cock-fighting had no place in a civilised society. I suggest that boxing has no place in a civilised society either.

With six world-title fights tonight,

Colin 'Sweet C' McMillan

punch it out in an exchange of

and Lord Taylor of Gryfe

faxes over whether society

deliberately inflicts harm

should condone a sport that

A recent British heavyweight champion said when he turned professional 'T'm no longer a sportsman, how can you call professional boxing a sport, it's a business. A hard business all the time, a cruel business some of the time. I have no illusions about the noble art of self-defence or any of that kids' stuff. Now I am paid to hurt and the more I hurt the more

Lord Taylor of Gryfe

Dear Lord Taylor,

I MUST say that I find the compariand acts which could be debe both unlawful and malicious tions of the media are responsible

Defence". For me and for many others, the aim is to hit, and not to be hit. It is a sport which requires sons you make between boxing. a great deal of thought, skill and determination and, by indulging in it, we are allowed to be part of quite ludicrous. While certain sec the highest form of competition. which requires the complete syncerned about the growth of vio-lence in our society. Boxing is a and for perpetrating the myth that chronisation of the mind, the body violent sport, indeed it glamourises the main objective of boxing is to and the soul. Furthermore, con trary to your assertion that links the growth of violence to the appeal of boxing, I believe quite the opposite is true. As I have stated on a number of occasions: 'For young men, boxing acts as a school. Through it they are instilled with respect, discipline and control; taught how to control frustration and aggression to a positive end." The benefits and good which the sport has to offer far outweigh the bad: so much so that there are now moves by the sport's estab-lishment to have it re-introduced in the national curriculum. Undoubtedly it is a dangerous sport, as many sports are. But recent statistics bear out the fact, that boxing comes way down the list in terms of both fatalities and

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Dear Colin,

YOU object to the media giamoris ing "the knockout". But surely it is the sport itself which rules that victory is achieved and success measured by this route. Mike Ty son polishes off his opponent quickly and is applauded. If you felt the media is responsible for glamorising boxing, let me give you a few example

A recent national newspaper description of a championship fight Wembley stadium, headed Rhodhath, ran: "The champion regained his title with a breathtak ing awe-inspiring display of pri-meval savagery". This is the "sport" you are defending.

Nigel Benn, a few years ago entered the ring to wild applause On his dressing gown were embla-zoned the words, "The Black Destroyer". His opponent Michael Watson, interviewed before the fight, said, "I get a buzz when I knock a man imconscious." Nige then achieved his mission and Michael was rushed from the ring

permanently paralysed.

In the last few years, the roll-call reads: Geraid Maclellan, permanently paralysed: Bradley Stone, dead in the ring James Murray dead in the ring. But the mos damage arises in the less widely reported cases. The BMA records list a terrible toll of brain injuries following boxing careers. Lord Walton, a distinguished neurosur-geon warned the House of Lords that "There is powerful neurologi-cal evidence to indicate clearly that a severe blow to the head inevitably results in the death of a small number of brain cells." These ment were invariably praised by the press for their brav-ery in taking punishment. The consequence: progressive brain dam-age with a deterioration of the intellect called dementia. The slow, sombre shuffling gatt is the hall-

ALTHOUGH, I MUST

SAY, I SURE AM GO ING TO MISS NEIL.

bly the best example of this. You suggest that I am denying young men the opportunity to go in search of their dreams. The record shows that their dreams are seldom fulfilled and frequently end in dementia. Is this the future that you're looking forward to? I've never known a successful boxer who has put his children into the ring. Yours sincerely,

drome" Muhammad Ali is proba-

Lord Taylor

Dear Lord Taylor,

I CAN'T help but feel that you have

entirely missed the point I was trying to make. And your quotes from the various newspapers merely re-emphasise my earlier contention. Undoubtedly, it is the ambition of the tabloids to sensationalise and dramatise boxing, and unfortunately this leads to certain fighters playing up to this image, to gain publicity, create interest and increase their earning potential. (This type of irrespons ble journalism leads large sections of the public to be unaware of what are.) During my 15 years in the sport, neither I, nor the numerous boxers that I have come in contact with, have gone into the ring with the intention of inflicting permanent damage on an opponent.

Your comments on the Benny Watson fight show you have bee misinformed. It was Michael Watson and not Nigel Benn who emerged as the winner, and Benn suffered no significant damage. Furthermore, while your roll-call of fighters who have become permanently damaged or have died in the ring seems quite alarming, you fail to mention that, in recent studies, boxing does not even enter the age with a deterioration of the intellect called dementia. The slow, sombre shuffling gaft is the hallmark of the punch-drunk syn-

NEIL?



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

GUAL STATE

S TUESDAY night turned to Wednesday, they kept say-ing — over and again — that it was a HISTORIC election. Well, American presidential elections only happen 25 times a contury

and are rather important. Of course, it was HISTORIC. What else could it be? But it was not very historic Nothing much changed. And it was ridiculous to keep saying that it was the first time since 1936 that a Democrat president had been elected to a second term. This was an entirely misleading factoid, since Franklin Roosevelt was sub-

sequently elected to third and fourth terms. Smallweed will prefer to remem-ber 1996 as the first election when a 53-year-old senator (Strom Thurmond of South Carolina) was re-elected with the help of a vote from

his one-time babysitter, now 104. This column is always more interested in building a bridge to ne-glected centuries, like the 19th, rather than ones like the 21st which are about to be heavily over-publicised.

ND, of course, it was historic because three of the four nain candidates — Bob Dole, Al Gore and Jack Kemp only had 21 letters in their names between them, which was obviously unprecedented and made them popular with headline writ-ers even in the prolix American papers, if less so with the voters. Gore is very close to the premier league in this competition, where the undoubted stars have been fom Mix. Tim Mo and the former Burmese prime minister U Nu.

Only four men with four-letter surnames have ever become presi-dent of the United States, and their record is not good. Ford was never elected at all and neither Polk, Toft nor Bush got a second term.

MERICANS prefer their politicians to have names of total distinction. Inevitably, Saxby Chambilias was re-elected on Tuesday as Republican congress man from the eighth district of the State of Georgia. He could hardly get a job as a garage mechanic, any more than could congressmen Sanford Bishop, Roscoe G Bartlett, Sherwood Boehlert, Fortney Stark or Senator Lauch Faircloth. The very sounds conjure up Charles Laughton strutting Capitol Hill in

a white suit. This theory does not wholly explain why the electors also manged to return congressmen Bob Stump, Michael D Crapo, Nathan Deal, Ray LaHood, Ron Klink, Richard W Pombo, Floyd H Flake and, come to that, Sonny Bono. All one can say is that they do not sound like contenders for the Conservative nomination for the constituency of Kensington and

INCE it may well be several lifetimes, even for a Strom Thurmond baby-sitter, before a governor of Arkansas again becomes president, we may never have another chance to discuss this most curious state, the only example Smallweed knows of reverse-Lemsterism (or Leominsterism) in America

Occasionally, the Americans fool the innocent European with over-literal pronunciations of place names like Kay-ro for Calro. Illinois and what sounds like "Terry! Howdeel" for Terre Haute, Indiana. But they don't normally go in for wilful eccentricity to get their revenge for Leicester, Tow-cester and Southwell.

I can reveal (exclusively, in the ense that no one else would have been daft enough to research this) that the subject gave rise to such dispute in the 19th century that it had to be sorted out in 1881 by a state General Assembly.

This unanimously voted to suporiginally been picked up from the Indians by French explorers, and the spelling was the French way of representing the Indian sound, Arkan-saw was thus correct and, the assembly added with a loftiness worthy of the senatorial Charles Laughton: "the sounding of the ter-minal 's' is an innovation to be

discouraged."
Other nice facts about Arkansas: It has towns called Plum Bayou, Pine Bluff, Tulip and Birdsong, and there was once a newspaper called the Arkadelphia Shiftings.

THE best part of election night came for anyone watching on CNN during Union Bank of Switzerland is running the most astonishing advertising campaign, comprising sim-ply an actor declaiming a poem, followed by a brief slogan. Tuesday night's collection included Glelgud reciting from

Tennyson's Ulysses ("... to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield") and Alan Bates doing W E Henley ("I am the master of the fate; I am the captain of my soul"). Both were spellbinding. There are 10 others in the series: Gielgud doing "there is a

tide in the affairs of men . . ." which the Clintons may well de-liver to each other every night before bedtime — and Ben Kings ley doing Ozymandias — which is the one they ought to deliver. These ads are not being shown on British TV because this is a company trying to raise its interna-tional standing, not attract grubby little overdrafts from the likes of us. Heaven knows where UBS stands on Nazi gold and other little matters, but It is difficult to think ill of a company that can market itself with such class which is of course the idea.





Small, quiet voice from the Front

Awarded a VC at 19, Edward Dwyer was to die in battle on the Somme 80 years ago. But he left a rare memorial. Stephen Bates tracks down his story

Crackling and faint, It echoed out from an old tape of first world war songs and reminiscences, a voice as dis-tant as the time when it was recorded 80 years ago.

They tell me you'd like to hear something of what our boys are doing at the Front and although I'm only a youngster I've seen about as much fighting as is good for any man," it started.

The voice was youngish, maybe a man of 30, though I was later to learn that the speaker was only 21, and the accent twanged of London. But there was little to identify it on the tape notes except that it belonged to Sergeant E Dwyer VC that was wrong, he was only a cor-poral — and that it was a talk, little more than a couple of minutes long, entitled "With Our Boys at

It was recorded in 1916, but it wasn't the fact that it is, almost certainly, the only recording to survive of a soldier serving in the ireaches, made at the time, that atuck in the mind. It was what the man said and how he said it, and why, that pummelled away, echo-ing around my head for days, an authentic voice from those spirited battalions of young men who marched away so joyously to alaughter on the Western Front. It seemed clear that Dwyer's talk

was done for recruitment purposes, but if so, who thought up the idea, and where would it have been played in the days before radio? If a propaganda exercise, had anyone first checked what he said? If so, the authorities were either incredibly naive, or much more cunning and sophisticated than we now give them credit for, for what Dwyer had to say was scarcely the sort of thing to fill the troops with

Being with Our Boys at the Front, it seemed, was not such a great experience. He had clearly een in the war from the very be girming landing in France nine days after the declaration of hostilities on August 4 1914, he said, and taking part in the retreat from

You people over here don't realise what our boys went through in those days", the voice echoed plaintively. "That march from Mons been through it you can't imagine what an agonising time it was. We used to do from 20 to 25 miles a

Incongruously, the voice then burst into song in a style that now-choruses . . . Here We Are, Here We Are, Here We Are Hello, Hello, Hello."

Then, with a final whoop, the voice died away, the final hellos hanging mournfully in the air as if

rating into the grave.

I found myself asking who Dwyer could have been, how he wen his Victoria Cross, why on earth he had been chosen for recording and what had happened to him then. The truth turned cut to him then. The truth turned out to be almost unbearably poignant.

THE IMPERIAL War Moseom had some basic details: born Fulham, November 25 1895, enlisted in the East Surrey Regiment, gazetted for bravery April 20 1915, so he was only a teenager when he won his medal and probably still less than 20 when he made his recording.

The Victoria Cross and George Cross Association, deep in the bowels of the old War Office building in Whitehall, had the citation. Dwyer won his VC at Hill 60 outside Ypres during one of the fiercest fights of the war. He had crept into the open to bind up the wounds of injured comrades lying in no man's land and then, when his trench was under attack from a group of German soldiers, clau-

bered on to the parapet and hurled grenades until they fled. grenades until they ited.
You should go and see the Surrey
Regiment museum at Guildford,
they said. And in a basement archive room, staffed by gentle and
courtly retired colonels dressed in
comfortable cardigans and regimental ties. I finally came face to
face with Edward Dayser.

face with Edward Dwyer.

The picture was just as I had imagined it: young, thin, bucktoothed, receding chin, startled and bermised. The photographs were taken when he had come back to England to receive his medal from the King and help the recruitment

the straggly moustache he was try-ing to grow, he looked like the sort of adolescent young man you might

showing the medal to someone, posing with his dad and a family friend — looking suspiciously like the old man's boozing partner — and the picture of a young nurse

Dwyer had married. scrapbooks too. Pages of yellowing cuttings from each day of the war. Proudly announcing Dwyer's

medal, the Surrey Comet visited his parents at Fulham. "Aren't you proud of your boy?" they asked Mrs Dwyer. "Yes, indeed I am," she replied, ber face wreathed in smiles. "Ted was always a good boy and if he has got the VC I am sure he deserved it. He wrote home to tell us he was hurt but in his usual cool way he said, don't worry, it is not much... We would like to see our boy again, if only for a short while. "Ted was always fond of a lark and at the same time always ready

to do his part in any emergency."

Dwyer, it was claimed, was the youngest VC winner ever. He was youngest VC winner ever. He was being built up and the press were starting to call him the Little Corporal. The cuttings made it clear that he was too valuable to send straight back to the Front. He was articulate and not afraid of speak-

ing up.
His speeches had certainly been fiery, with no apparent trace of the hesitancy of the recording One newspaper reported: "The indiffereuce of many of the young fellows filled him with contempt. Is there not a single MAN here? he de-clared at one meeting at which not a single recruit had come forward.

I shall be glad to get back to the

Front. It makes me sick to see civilian clothes on the backs of men fit and able to do their share.' '

At Christmas 1915 he had married the young nurse in the photo-graph, Maude Freeman, known as Billie, whom he had met in hospital behind the Front Line and who had seen him again when she came to listen to the speeches at a rally in Trafalgar Square. It was such a quiet wedding that he did not even tell his parents in advance. He was,



'Although I'm only a youngster I've seen about as much fighting as is good for any man'

it was said, tired of the throngs and nervous of the publicity that would surround a hero's wedding.

There was more in the regimental archive too: photocopies of Dwyer's service papers. At his first medical examination, Dwyer was five feet three and a half inches tall, with a 32 inch walst and weighed 106 pounds, pulse 72; blue eyes, fair bair, scars on right kneecap and across his buttocks. He was de-scribed by his commanding officer

as honest, sober and hard-working.
In summer 1914, he was with his regiment in Ireland, but he was spending the summer in hospital: 46 days, being treated for what looks suspiciously like a distinctly unheroic disease. "VD . . . sore in penls, left groin," the record says,

mforgivingly.

There are two more medical records: October 24 1914, septic beel, admitted to hospital. That would have been just after the forced

marches from the Aisne to the Marne: "That march was a nightmare — you can't imagine what an

There was also a head wound, from an injury a week after he won his medal and there would also be an outbreak of measles when he returned to the Front in 1916. The file also contains the letter in

agonising time it was."

which Dwyer was recommended for his VC. His commanding offi-cer, Captain RD Oldman, wrote on May 3 1915: "At Hill 60 on the 20th when his trench was heavily shelled, this man left cover and bound up several wounded com-rades. Later, the trench being beavily hand-grenaded, he climbed halfway up the parapet and hurled grenade after grenade at the Germans until he dispersed them. He was at the time exposed to a perfect hall of bostile bombs as the party of Germans had crept up an old communication trench and were at

very close quarters. His gallantry was beyond all praise."

Can't you just see the slight

young greengrocer's assistant, ngered, maybe exhilarated and frightened, clambering up the irightened, clambering up the trench to scream and throw grenades at the enemy 20 or 30 feet away for a few frenzied moments... "I am only a youngster but I've seen as much fighting as is good for any man." Then, in a folder, was a letter to one of his furner officers, written about 10 days after the action in which he won the VC.

"All the time serving men were

"All the time serving men were being picked off. If you joined the regiment again, sir, you would hardly know one man except Elmer. It is very miserable in the regiment now all the old officers

and men have gove.
"Well, sir, we went to Ypres and well we knew it, but the worst was yet to come. After the taking of Hill 60 the regiment went up there and

they shelled us for three days and nights without a stop but they could not shift us . . . it was there that we lost Major Patterson poor Captain Wynyard was blown to atoms, only a couple of pieces could be found of him. If any of Capt. Wynyard's family enquire, don't tell them he was blown up. Please excuse the scribble, Your

What must Dwyer have thought as he went round London in the months that followed, addressing recruitment rallies? Is there a hint that he didn't want to go back, or was he full-hearted for the fight, raring to go? When he went round his old school, he told the parish priest Father Brown: "I am going to the Front again in a few days and the general rule is that a VC gets knocked out the second time." He left the medal to the priest's safe

DWYER returned to his regiment in May 1916. He was not among the men of the 8th East Surreys who rose from their lines on the first morning of the battle of the Somme on July 1 1916, kicking footballs as they marched vainly towards the

enemy marched vainty towards the enemy machine guns. But perhaps some of those he had helped to recruit were there.

Instead, Dwyer died a couple of months later. He was on the Somme on September 3 1916 when he was shot. The Surrey Comet. said he "feli while gallantly leading his men on a charge". The daily regimental dispetches for that day do not mention the hero's fall. The duty officer wrote: "Brigade carand so far few casualties."

Corporal Dwyer is buried in a military cemetery called Flat Iron Copse, around the back of Mameiz Wood, at the end of what was known as Death Valley on the Somme. Three pairs of brothers lie with him among the 1,500 men also killed within two or three weeks as the British tried to capture the wood and the land around it.

The cemetery lies down a quiet country track, in a fold of the valley. Dwyer's grave is like any of the rest. There is his name, his regimental crest, date of death, a carved Victoria Cross and a brief motto. It says: "We Know That He Abideth in Us." Just in front, someone has placed a cheap pink rose made of fabric and a little wooden,

whitewashed cross.

Back at the regimental museum, a note dated September 2 1920 states that Dwyer's campaign medals were to be retained by the War Office as the deceased's legatees

were untraceable.

Dwyer's Victoria Cross eventually came home to the regiment in 1962. It is not on display at the museum. It had been found in a box among Father Brown's effects after he died. He had never given it away, never given it to the family, or the wife. Did they ever ask? Did

he ever refuse! And there it all lies: the story of just one of the 750,000 British men of the first world war who never came home. Alone among them though, this one left a recording of his voice and so a little bit of him

The recording of Private Duyer's voice is on The Great War, a tape and compact disc published by Genn: CD 9355, tape 7355. The Museum of the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment is in Clandon Park, near Guildford, it is now

closed for the winter. The Public Record Office at Kew has a current exhibition including Private Dwyer's Army papers.

In sickness and in health, to love, honour and oh, boy

Maureen Freely on the growth of the marriage-mending industry

Marriage Task Force, it's because Marriage Task Force, it's because couples going though "bad patches" don't get help soon enough. To remedy this alarming national trend, he is planning to invest in pilot counseiling schemes that aim to prevent marriage breakdown. He's also suggested it might be an idea to strike before the iron's cold and put some money might be an idea to strike before the iron's cold and put some money into education and pre-nuptil training going to go into married life well

HY DOES Britain have the bighest divorce rate in fewer unrealistic expectations couples have before they make their was, and the more help they get afterwards, the more likely it because that they will stay together. comes that they will stay together.
If they take the plunge, that is. Does Lord Mackay have any idea what damage he'll do to the institu-tion of marriage if he dares to let

wavering couples find out what it's like in practice?

Just think of all the unpleasant

prepared. I'm not just talking about basic skills like cooking and driv-ing and going without privacy and sharing all your money, even if no one thanks you and you've worked like a dog for it. And I don't just mean basic virtues like learning to love your partner's annoying little habits, or welcoming the thought that you'll never again be able to make an evening plan without first seeking his or her parmission, or training yourself to hope that you'll still be sexually irresistible to each other when you've both doubled in

If you're going to be ready for any marital eventuality, you have to be au fait with the very depress ing national statistics on marital violence, child abuse, alcohol and drug abuse, umlammed pregnancy, adultery, mid-life crisis and mental illness. You have to have accepted that there can't be many people who don't get a front seat view of at east one of these marriage-wreck-

ing tragedies.
And you must go on to prepare yourself for that worst-case sce-nario. This is why a thorough pren-uptil training course would give you not just the communications

techniques for those nice, middle-class, rubbish-and-credit-card disputes, and the wisdom demanded by those more serious but manage able rough patches caused by childbirth, temporary unemployment, and low-level infidelity, but also the survival skills you might need if you woke up tomorrow morning and found out your name was Mrs Gazza, or even worse, Mrs Boycott. If marriages like theirs are even one in 100, it would suggest that the most appropriate agencies to sub-mit bids to Lord Mackay for mar-

riage training schemes are the SAS and the St John Ambulance Which brings me to another, even bigger headache the Lord Chancellor is going to have to face if he refuses to rely solely on marriage-patching measures and tries to tackle the root causes of divorce. It will not be long before he has to ask himself why it is that most divorce petitioners are women. He will ask himself how many of their ex-busbands fell short of his own stan-

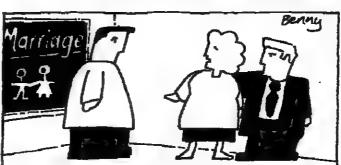
dards of good husbandhood, and then he will have to acknowledge

that some genders need more mar-riage training than others. Wee to

him, though, if he seeks expert guidance. He will soon discover that there are a lot of serious people out there who think that the national marriage crisis is nothing more than a smokescreen for the worldwide *male identity crisis*. Now that they have to be entre-preneurs at the Richard Branson

level before they can hope to raise a family on a single income, they are no longer sure what you have

to do to be a masculine husband. When their wives suggest that they might start by doing a load of laundry, they sink into an even deeper psychic confusion. The only way to get them out is to offer more educa-tion, training and support, but even that won't be enough, will it? Because if men as a group become more competent and resourceful in the so-called women's domain, there will be a crisis of confidence



We've planned well in advance. We're going to Skeaness for the honeymoon so we can save enough money for the divorce."

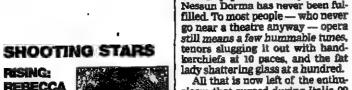
amongst women as a group, which will lead in turn to another vicious inflationary cycle of wife-taming. marriage saving pilot programmed and even university degree

It's all going to be very expen sive, not to say colossally boring. The sermons we get on Compromise, Commitment and the Com-mon Good are bad enough as it is. Imagine how much more urgently they'll be advertising the joys of co-cooning if the government has sunk real money into marriage training and wants vote-winning

It's not enough to say, oh well, there's something really wonderful that happens after romantic love dies and you learn to accept your spouse as a flawed human being. I might know that and you might know that, but that's because we went through bell blindfolded first. There are some things you can't do unless you've lost all touch with reality and one of them is mar-riage. If Lord Mackay is successful in his campaign, I think we'll find more and more couples putting off their wedding days for longer and longer, maybe even forever.

We'd rather watch

Our great opera companies could be staging modern dramas like Marriage Of Gazza or Diana Dolorosa. Instead we get yet more Cosi and Turandot. No wonder the public switches off, says Stephen Plaice



REBECCA

Up... Spring 1996. The all-singing, all-dancing French pessantry take to the boards in Martin Guerre, Critics and audience agree there's something missing... Meanwhile, Rebecca sits at home, dreaming of her big break.

Up...An association with the National Youth Music Theatre takes Lock from New York to Hong Kong, from West End to Edinburgh. Martin Guerre, meanwhile, is falling to find a burn for each seat. What's to do?

And away... Martin Guerre is re-launched this week with a new star. Lock plays gullible heroine Bertrande de Rois 'at certain performances'.

FALLING: ELLIS



Going ... After 16 years in Z Cars. James bows out in 1978. 'I'm writing songs, reading a play for the West End and hoping to direct in the theatre, he announces.

g ... Two years down the line, he's bankrupt and owes the taxman £11,000. When will he return to the big time? 'Be, patient,' save he.

Qone ... This week, 16 years later, James hits the stage of the Tabard in middle-aged irishman sitting in a dingy bedsit contemplating his pest.

poon the fashion for Italian recita-tive opera, then taking over the VER since opera got a makeover at the end of the eighties, there has London stage and putting English playwrights out of work. What incensed Gay was that the been the vague expectapecome popular. But the promise of

favourite arias. Opera continues

public money is squandered for the

gross indulgence of the few. The public feels shut out from opera

houses and the social culture of

those who frequent them.

And this sense of exclusion even extends to many who venture

inside. For the novice, there is the suspicion that the whole operation

s sustained on a thermal cushion of pretansion. Everyone pretands to enjoy what they are watching, in

reality they long for the ghastly enterprise to end so they can get back to the telly. As with the em-

peror's new clothes, it would take

ust one person to cry the truth, and

dice conceal a deeper resentment

among ordinary people, who realise they have been denied a cru-

cial cultural experience? Opera can

be the greatest spectacle on earth

- a breathtaking combination of

music, drama and scenic effect. It

is the last live medium in which a

culture might create an expansive

vision of itself. Instead, it appears to be reserved for a reactionary

élite with the money and the man-ners to penetrate the forbidding

front of house with its penguin

Where are the operas that will appeal to a mass audience or say

anything about our lives? It is not

as if we have a shortage of modern heroes to drawn on. Forget Figaro

where is The Marriage Of Diana, or of Gazza for that matter?

That theatre, let alone opera, once belonged to everyone has

become a cliché. But the possibility that it might one day do so again is still valid, and its omis-sion can still feel like theft. This

was the thrust of The Beggar's

Opera, first performed in 1728, in which John Gay set out to lam-

suits and plummy accents

the illusion would be shattered. But could this not-for-us preju-

plots of these new fangled operas were ludicrous, the characters invariably idealised ciphers there

to facilitate the singing.

By situating his opera among London low life, Gay was cocking a snook at the artificiality of the entertainment the upper classes siasm that surged during Italia 90 and peaked on a rainy night in Hyde Park are hasty compilations its own reality to be "not for us", and to conjure murderous thoughts of braying upper-class beanfeasts at which

But The Beggar's Opera also contains an evergreen political truth missing from the effete Italian acenarios: Gay wanted to demonstrate the economic complicity between those who sit in the boxes of opera houses and those who sit in the cells of Newgate. No matter what exquisite and noble pretensions the new opera offered, it could not decdorise the stench of corruption that permeated every layer of the society that imported it.

one, even those who dipped, pimped and prostituted themselves around Covent Garden. By writing about their world. Go was recia musical theatre for the streets from where it sprang and to which it must always return for inspiration.

the end of the 1920s, using a simcould be sung by laymen. But unlike searchlit rallies, this

many and postwar opera house and audiences throughout the world have continued to content themselves with overlong culinary operas and overpaid stars engag-ing in larynx Olympics.

Even when a radical new opera does manage to slip through the net, it is likely that it will only be seen by the very establishment that it is targeting. This was even true of The Beggar's Opera, which was a great hit with London society including Sir Robert Walpole, satirised in the aria If You Mention Vice Or Bribe. What irony — the rich, powerful and corrupt trapped in their gilt boxes, forced to see themselves and their world undermined on stage, and enjoying it all

had imported for themselves. And by having his beggar author ape its conventions, he was sticking up two fingers at the pretension of a theatre that had lost contact with

The Beggar's Opera restored the possibility of a theatre for every-

Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill attempted a similar reclamation. Their adaptation of Gay's play. The Threepenny Opera, became the basis of a new type of opera at plified musical language that

new opera never caught on in Ger-

hugely. (Or maybe just pretending to: Polly, Gay's sequel to the Beg-gar's Opera, was banned.) I was reminded of Gay while watching Pimlico Opera's produc-tion of West Side Story in Bulling-don Prison, now transferring to

calling from the Daily Mail about the participation of sex offenders. The gusto with which th immates explored the world of the New York ghetto gave the piece an dded relevance, and the chorus left Fidelio standing. Behind bars, Gee Officer Krupke had a resonance that must have had Gay rotating with glee. "We aim't no delinquents/ We're misunderstood/Deep down

It brought the bouse down every night. Maybe this was not strictly opera — according to limited and stupidly snobbish definition — but the production showed how music atre belongs to all sections of

society. Given the chance, any community will eagerly embrace it.
So why not opera for all? And
why not a new repertoire that sings to post-modern sensibilities, addses our notoriously short atten-

trained facility with rapid images? Today new operas are expensive and unpopular. Main-house audiences feel cheated by them. Many singers, musicians and managers the existing repertoire, rather than risk anything contemporary lovers in France, Germany and counting the Mozart operas pro duced annually in those countries.

tion span and exploits our film

There will be the token Tippett or Birtwistle now and then, and a Britten revival if you are lucky, but by and large the feeling per-sists that budgets are frozen after Stravinsky Innovative directors like Peter Sellars will find a way of refreshing the canon by radicaliaing the stage concept, or updating the action, but even this is no substitute for contemporary writing and a culture that uses opera, like any other art form, as a means of reflecting and investigating itself.

As one might expect in the new van-hire economy of Britain, some seif-help is at hand. Small-scale touring companies, ambitious community projects, Pimlico's prison work. Susan Benn and Robert Sax ton's annual Opera Lab, all contribute to making opera more accessible and more exploratory. There is a new breed of singers, composers and musicians, pre-pared to workshop and perform new work. But it is very difficult for this to emerge on any scale or to

be properly resourced.

Because of prohibitive production costs, a vast chasm exists between composition and produc-

close this gap, countless millions of public money are to be spent refurbishing the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden to reproduce the canon for generations to come.

ivan Alien

Without new work that speaks to our predicament and a dismantling of popular prejudice, audiences and practitioners will be condemned, like Sisyphus, to an eternity of rolling the same rock up the same hill. A genuine popularisation of the cenre will never take place, no matter what marketing strategies are employed to kid us that opera is the new rock 'n' roll. Of course there must always be Flutes, Fidelios and Carmens. But there must also be Gazzas, Mandelas and Diana Dolorosas.

His libretto for Misper, a new opera for eenagers by John Lunn, will be staged

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Curious, but we have come to a place, a time, when virtue is no longer considered a virtue. Maya Angelou, best-selling author of I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. gives us her intimate thoughts on family, style, brutality, crime and the necessity for spirit, laughter and grace. Wouldn't take

nothing for my journey now is Maya Angelou's first work of prose in many years, and is filled with the wir. wisdom and insight we have come to expect from this lyrical pnet and tenacious civil rights activist.

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season.

Toni Strasburg won awards for her first film about war orphans. So why, she asks, is Channel 4 pitching the sequel at insomniacs?

inside us there is good."

The late, late show

Provocations

AST week I was on the jury of an international film fes-tival in Freiburg, Germany. One of the winners, a wellknown documentary maker from Belgium, announced that this would be his last international film. The reasons? Lock of money, lack of interest on the part of broadcasters in subjects outside of Europe. I, too, am a documentary film-maker. And I too, have decided that I cannot carry on making films in the current climate

My latest film, Chain Of Hope, about children affected by war in southern Africa, is to be broadcast on Sunday on Channel 4. Unfortunately it is being transmitted at midnight. Have you ever stayed up until lam on a Sunday to watch a documentary? I haven't. Broadcasting serious docu-mentaries at this hour of the

night is frankly insulting. I can no longer face spending so much time raising money, work ing in war zones under difficult circumstances, only to have my work marginalised like this. I was told the film is being broadcast at such a late hour

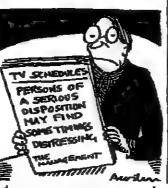
because the public is no longer

interested in non-European sto-

ries. Yet a survey being carried out by Unicef shows the oppo-site to be true. We are also told that this sort of film gets low ratings — but might that not have something to with the scheduling? I believe that we are witnessing the death of a certain type of documentary. Children and war have been

headline news in Europe in recent years. We are touched by the stories of children from Rosnia, but seldom hear about the hundreds of thousands of children worldwide continu-ously affected by war. In 1988 I made the award-

winning Chain Of Tears, which exposed the effects of war on children in Angola, Mozam-bique and South Africa. At that



time more children were affected by war in these countries than anywhere else in the world. It was shown on Channel 4 in Britain, and on many television stations worldwide But the wars continued, and so did the children's suffering. Last year, I went back to southern Africa in search of the children from the original film. to discover whether children affected by war can recover. Chain Of Hope, the result, was completed last November. Although the commissioning editor had been supportive, he was unable to confirm a broad-

after completion, has Channel 4 been able to find a slot for it. I am told it is not "unusual" to be given such a late slot, especially for a story that does not "fit" into the regular documentary strands. Apparently even a positive story of children affected by war is no longer leemed interesting to the public.

cast date for it. Only now, a year

We didn't expect to find any of our original children in Angola, but the devastation left us shocked. I found the plight of the thousands of severely traumatised displaced children and war orphans deeply distressing, and the courage of the people as they try to pick up the

With the images from Zaire that we are now seeing on the news, I would have thought posttive images of children affected by war would be important. But Channel 4 seems to believe that "games" based around sending young people out into the night to hide from pursuers are more in line with public tastes. As for the BBC, it rejected the original proposal for Chain Of Hope because it felt that southern Africa had been covered enough during the South Alrican elections and the Africa '95 arts series. Television rarely has the

power to change policy, but it

can and should make people think, as well as entertain. I

feel very passionately that the

collective conscience needs to

be kept alive. The media has a duty to document what is hap-pening in the world, despite the

increasing struggle for finance

and air time.

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Homer alone

were children, ITV would be a coy, errant boy, the despair of its parents. "You've been bad again, haven't you?" "Yes, but I never meant..." "Well, try harder next time." But nothing would change: the grades would change: the grades would regularly be lousy and he would often smell slightly foetid. Especially when Coronation Street was on.

Coronation Street was on.
ITV's Faith In The Future is
about as good as comedy on the
channel gets — B minus and
smelling of cheap teenage
scent. The new series of the
mother-daughter sitcom was
ITV's attempt to banish its repvitation as a laugh-free zone utation as a laugh-free zone and occasionally succeeding thanks to a fitfully funny script and accomplished comic acting.

There's a study to be done on Julia Sawalha's cleavage: it heaved gamely when she played the naughty Bennet girl in Pride And Prejudice; it was hidden behind a buttoned-up cardie in Absolutely Fabulous. only to reappear briefly on Thursday in a Lacroix wedding dress. It was back again, with attitude, in Faith In The Future the following night. Here she was sassy rather than Saffy, all low-cut tops and natty dreads, demanding if her mother had the big O last night, as if she was Edina intruding into her daughter's

laughable sex life.
A Reithian offspring, BBC1 has only been contrary when Absolutely Fabulous was on.

WAVE RIDING

ANNE KARPF

The show became too much part of the zeitgelst to be really lovable, and in the last minutes of the final episode it self-destructed into celebrity cameos. But at least it was committedly dissolute, and shown on the same station on which your parents watched The

Antiques Roadshow.

BBC2 is a child that gets on with its homework all week, but on Saturday morning has to be picked up from the police station, giggly from soft drugs. It's been out all night, trying to be as bad as Channel 4. But it couldn't pull it off: Julian Clary was your mother's idea of queer subversion; Vic and Bob were too in love with the celebrities and game shows they sent up.

Sky is an attention seeker. For a fortnight, not an ad break has gone by on Sky's channels without a plug for tonight's Judgment Night, a themed evening of boxers knocking seven kinds of hype out of each other. Please buy a £14.95 ringside seat. Please

But Sky is an inept salesman.
"If you liked Friends, you'll love Mad About You", ran the trailers for the latest Manhattanite sex comedy. It's a desperate pitch: this is an apartment-based sitcom from the conveyor belt that brought you Caroline In The City.

It's about a couple: Paul is charming and creative, but also cautious and analytical. Jamie is more impulsive and confrontational. Or so says the press release. Stuart is analytical and confrontational: unless they are Seinfeld, get these New Yorkers out of my living

room now! Television isn't only a child. It is a parent, soul-mate, friend, consolation. Only the makers of The Simpsons realise this. Bart and Lisa regularly hug the television in preference to their mom and dad. It is stable and nurturing, unlike Marge and Homer. An effective episode on Thursday ended with the dad, Homer, himself cuddling the TV. He had been subjected to trial by television, wrongly accused of sexual harassment, and then found innocent and vindicated. "Let's never quarrel again," the errant Homer begged his electronic lover.

Let's talk about sex, says Derek Malcolm. Everyone else at the London Film Festival is: Nick Broomfield (Fetishes), Stephen Frears (The Van), and Jan Sverak, with the best discovery so far

Running for Mrs Whitehouse

IN JAN Sverak's
Kolya, a Czech
cellist quietly
uses his bow to
lift the dress of a pretty soprano soloist while she is singing with the orchestra; in Nick Broomfield's Fetishes a customer of Pandora's Box S&M pariour of Pandora's Hox Sam pariour licks a lavatory seat; and there are so many four-letter words in Stephen Frears's The Van that Mary Whitehouse would bury her head in her hands. No one could say that the first few days of the 40th London Film Festival have lacked aggregate of a cost.

lacked excitement, of a sort.

Perhaps the best surprise was
Kolya, though Elementary School,
Sverak's first film, showed that the
bittersweet comedy of the Czech
cinema of Jiri Menzel and Milos Forman — which so delighted the West in the sixties - is capable of being partially resurrected.

Kolya, a randy middle-aged cal-

list down on his luck, agrees to a bogus marriage with a Russian bogus marriage with a Russian woman for money Unfortunately, she almost immediately takes off, leaving her five-year-old son for ful, beatific smile on his face.

him to look after. He doesn't like children, but slowly and surely the boy begins to intrigue him, even when the lad breaks into the bedroom where he is trying to seduce a young pupil.

Set at the time of the 1989 Velvet Revolution, the film is written by Sverak's father, who also plays the title role with a quiet, almost impassive acting style that is sur-prisingly effective when set against the naturalness of the inquisitive and uncomprehending child.

and uncomprehending child.

It's the kind of film that carries distinct reminders of the good old days of Czech humanism and, though it hasn't the imaginative brio of something like Closely Observed Trains or Peter And Pavia, it is one of the few east Euro-pean films that look capable of charming audiences everywhere.

Charm is not the word one would use for Nick Broomfield's Fetishes. But the director, inveigling his camera into yet anothe

In this case, he films the highly | is the best film Ferrara has made. successful and dignified scions of New York society as they go to get their bottoms smacked and their nipples pulled by their favoured dominatrix. The working girls view Broomfield with some disdain, but answer his questions all the same and let him view some of the tricks with which they bring

You keep fearing that this is going to be a totally exploitative documentary. But, though cer-tainly no more pure than the driven slush, it never really falls into that trap. His gentle digging just that trap. His gentie digging Just produces an extraordinary portrait of a society where absolutely anything goes providing you have the money to start the engine, and everybody's favourite sexual fantasy, however absurd, is catered for providing not too much blood is left. If this is the film Channel 4 dare not show, Abel Ferrara's The Funeral ought to have no trouble on the telly, provided the children have gone safely to bed. It should do pretty well in the cinemas, too. A lot of people seem to think it

these sad creatures to oreasm

surpassing King Of New York and Bad Lieutenant, and it is certainly his most orthodox in structure and least hysterical in tone.

This thirties-set tale about three

Italian-American brothers imm-Italian-American brothers immersed in a protection racket seems to me to be no more than a well-orchestrated bag of Mafia cliches. But at least the cast is worth watching, with Christopher Walken contributing another of his tight-skinned, lizard-eyed monsters as the domineering elder brother. The women, too, are given a bit more to do than usual, and both Annabella Sciorra and Isabella Rossellini profit by it. If this is an entertaining movie, though, it's

Rossellini profit by it, If this is an entertaining movie, though, it's basically a pretty banal one.

Frears's The Van, written like The Commitments and The Snapper by Roddy Doyle, comes out shortly Unfortunately the flowing F-words sometimes seem like the last recent Regides an Irishman I know assured me that no one there swears like that in front of the children, especially from the working class.

LFF highlights

THE festival's first weekend offers sobering material for students of the human condition. David Cronenberg's Crash (Odcon West End. today, 9pm) looks like Wacky Races compared with Catherine Breillat's Parfait Amour' (Perfect Love!) (Odeon West End, today, 3.30pm), a chilly anatomy of amour fou, or just plain co-dependency if you prefer. Ulrich Seidl's documentary Animal Love (NFT: tomorrow, 6.15pm) makes you glad you aren't a dos in Austria (or awaya) a dog in Austria (or a weasel, worse still). A determinedly uncharming look at pet owners and their aber-rations, the film maintains a rations, the film maintains a ghastly comedy throughout. Meanwhile, proof that Swinging London '96 really is better than its 1968 counterpart comes in The Rolling Stones Rock and Roll Circus (Oden West End. today, 11.15pm), the long-lost account of Mick and chums hosting a Big Top extravulganza. Though it now looks a touch cheen and cheerful the film touch cheap and cheerful, the film generally lives up to its legend.

What do you get if you mix classical, jazz and pop? John Harle. John Fordham reports



Big, bad John

The adventure

hearted about John Harie.
This big, deceptively easygoing man, with a merciless line in mockery — of himself and others — fell in love with the sexo-phone at a time in the seventles when hardly anybody else in clas-sical music took it seriously. That might have helped him cope later with the franky that greeted his premiers of Harrison Birtwistle's uncompromisingly byzantine sax concerto in 1995's Last Night Of

touches with conviction, whether it's his show or not. As Michael his delicately incisive soprano sax you can hear on that composer's famous soundtrack for the film

The Plano. An ex-Army bandsman who often hilariously reconstructs the Bilko esque antics of his military days, Harle loves the classical world's precision and order, but dislikes its conservatism of repertoire. He is testing musical toler-ances to the limit by touring a bend that combines a string quartet, a classical soprano, jazz saxist Andy Sheppard, and Elvis Costello

singing Shakespeare. "People now expect composers to have multi-disciplinary skills, but it's about musical coherences more than simply expecting audi-ences to go "Wow!" if you just throw a string quartet and a group of panpipers from the Andes on a stage together. I've tried not to

take people out of context." Nailing his colours to the mast with typical brio, he has called the show (and the newly released album) Terror And Magnificence. Nothing so frivolous for him as An Evening With John And Elvis. It plays its final gig at the Royal Fes-tival Hall tonight as part of the Oris London Jazz Festival.

In Manchester earlier this week.

the band played to an initially reserved audience of classical fans surprised by the volume, Sheppard fans surprised by the careful order, Costello fans surprised by the lack of rock 'n' roll. But the point grew on them. The Sheppard fans shifted a little r to the edges of their when the jazzman's swooping, bufto intertwine with Harle's pure, stately lyricism. Costello's faithfuls cheered his handling of O "People singing Shakespeare are usually afraid of singing the songs for the emotions that are really in them — they're worried about missing some crucial urtext," said Harle afterwards, "But Declan (Costello) just sweeps that

Terror And Magnificence itself, a long two-sexophone feature mov-ing between haunting, ethereal high-note themes and thrashing, percussive odysseys, revealed more of its intended tensions than it has before. The collisions between what sound like eighties chub grooves and the 14th-century French poetry on the backing tape were far less distracting than they have been previously—though if Harie's music could be tightened, for the unambiguous soft-funk underpinnings that occasionally put banana skins under the philo-sophical speculations of the titles.

Harle once let on that he feared Sheppard's spontaneity, while Sheppard was anxious about Harie's precision. But the inter-play between the two is now remarkably relaxed. And the contrast of the voices — Costello's bruised, yearning sound on the Shakespeare sonnets, Sarah Leonard's cool, unfussy clarity remoulds treacherously familiar material to make it glow again with a seductive light.

If Harle rejects the convenient crossover tag, does be still per-ceive himself as a classical musician on a gig like this? "I choose to be regarded as a classical musi-cian," he says emphatically "I believe in classical proportion and

classical reasonings.
"But there's room for extemporisation, when it's knitted within the proportions. Andy and I did Hunting The Hare completely differently and about twice as long in Manchester as we did elsewhere, but it was still absolutely true to the structure."

Hunting The Hare began out of nowhere in Manchester — a wild, whooping sax exchange turning to the soft caress of the theme, and then contrasting Sheppard's gritty sonorousness against Harle's haughty delicacy. It was maybe the best example of what Harle is driving at. Both artists embraced the idea of music as written, but both had the space to be utterly themselves.

John Harle's band plays the Royal Festival Hall in London tonight. The Terror And Magnificence CD is out on the Decca/Argo label.

Brian of Nazareth

T'S CURIOUS the way that ome public figures are ccorded "listed" status, like notable buildings needing protection from spoliation. These people — from Alan Bennett to the Queen Mother — come to stand for some quality, often of Englishness and indomitability, that we value: they convey us to us, ourselves as we would like to be.

Brian Redhead was one such, as evidenced by the tributes that flowed on his death. I was never one of those who felt devastated at the prospect of breakfast suns Redhead: though I did admire his preternaturally relaxed and chipper broadcasting style, I found his later religious pronouncements irritatingly bombastic. Now I learn, from the revealingly titled Radio Lives: The Real Life Of Brian (Radio 4) that many of these weren't

written by him at all. The chief charges are that Redhead told fibs about his past inventing a non-existent court martial, for example, from which he purportedly extricated himself with brio; that he was vain and self-regarding; that although he found God and religion after the tragic death of his son, actually most of his relious programmes and many of his public utterances on the sub-ject were scripted by his pro-ducer Gillian Hush.

ucer Guian Hush. Though not a flattering portrait, this was no hatchet job: Michael Bywas no nature; job.
Michael Bywas fond, forgiving and rather compelling programme never glossed over
Redhead's flaws, yet subtly

integrated them with his strengths. It's only because Redhead was so consistently idealised when he was alive that we feel such a frisson of

But that was nothing next to one's feelings for the late Ken Saro-Wiwa after hearing two of his short stories, broadcast by Radio 4 to mark the first anniversary of his execution. The first, Dilemma, was-a workmanlike but undistin-guished piece. But the second, On The Death Of Ken Saro-Wima, is another matter. It depicts a writer called Saro-Wiwa, visited in jail by one to alert him that he's "a mortu-ary candidate" because he uniquely, it seems, among the Ogonis — has impeded the com-pletion of an oil pipeline. In the story Saro-Wiwa duly dies and gets "the burial of a little man [given] a well-deserved interna-

tional flavour". Was this a writer's admirably unsentimental, clear-sighted confrontation with his own imminent end (down to the problem of disposing of the corpse), mixed in with satirical political parable — a cheeky bit of posthumous agitprop? Or was it a giant act of narcis-sism? The threat of death doesn't usually enhance the creative juices, nor does writing with an eye to immortality

(though many do it). In the end, this story left me feeling uneasy, as if Saro-Wiwa was amplifying his own celebrity. I can understand why he might have felt the need, but was the BBC right to

broadcast it? Finally, how do you cover an election whose result is a fore-gone conclusion? In the early, fallow hours of *The Race For The White House*, before the nolls had closed and there was anything to say, Radio 5 Live had three tactics. First, aides' propaganda by the yard, full of that untenably fake opti-mism that their guy will win, even if he's called Ross Perot. Second, inane padding in the form of questions like, "When will the President appear?" Third, endless reports from election parties in the US and London. At times it sounded as if the alcohol-fuelled parties were getting more coverage than the political ones.

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Jonathan Cope wasn't there for Prince Of The Pagodas – a motorcycle accident saw to that. But Darcey Bussell was, and Judith Mackrell

Elvis lives . . . Harle and Costello perform Shakespeare

appy return

The classic?

HEN Prince Of The Pago das was premiered in 1989 it was a milestone production for the Royal. It was the ballet with which MacMillan finally made his truce with the Opera House after a long, uneasy absence, creating his first full-length work since his disastrous Isadora. It was the ballet, too, in which he famously plucked Darcey Bussell out of the corps and turned her into a star. And it was the ballet that launched Bussell's partnership with Jonathan Cope. Its revival is a good moment to reappraise Pago-das' status. Is it a classic or not? Unfortunately, the motorist who

ballet history. So instead of revis-iting the title role as planned. Cope was at home mending a bro-ken rib. His place at Bussell's side was taken by Stuart Cassidy Cassidy has danced the role

before, but not with Bussell, and Pagodas is unfortunately a ballet where you need to know your partner well. The central pas de deux are unrelenting — pirouettes that wilfully push against the move-ment's natural flow, lifts and balances that can be demolished by a split second's hesitation. There were certainly moments where you sensed a hiss of breath and a hasty reedjustment in Bussell and Cassidy's partnering. But they weren't serious enough to get in the way of a calm second look at MacMillan's ballet — and the bumped Cope off his motorbike | MacMillan's ballet — and the two weeks ago had no respect for recognition that Pagodas, contro-

versial at its opening, still provokes both annoyance and awe. Georgiadis's designs continue to look impressive, their surreal mix of Jacobean and oriental imagery both brutal and exquisite. Britten's score, however, is as frustrating as it is enchanting. The theatrical set pieces for the four wicked Kings and the Prince (who's been bewitched into a salamander) are full of strange lights and haunting rhythms that inspire MacMillan to

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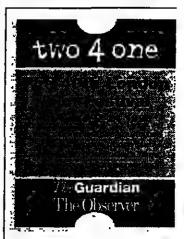


high floating lines and choppy rhythms. With choreography and music so at odds, neither tell the story well and it remains a ballet of edly disjointed effects. The performances, though, hold up strongly Bussell created

Princess Rose when she was only 20 — and her trump card was her artless courage. Now the inviolate innocence with which she surrounds Rose is a more calculated quality — but far more compelling. Bussell has grown up and she knows how to carry a core of stillness in her dancing and how to phrase a movement so that it hangs vibrating in the air. She makes serene sense out of the most asym-metric challenges the choreography can throw at her.

Cassidy as her Prince doesn't possess the slithery length of limb that made Cope so elegant a salamander, but he compensates with a reptilizm urgency — his body flick-ering between light and dark, quickness and immobility—that is mesmerising. The Kings are evilly excellent, and if Christina McDermott doesn't quite dominate the stage as the bad sister Epine, the

imposing his dance over Britten's | angry edge in her dancing borders Among the soloists and corps too there are performances of confi-dence. It's a good ballet for the company to dance. And if audiences are unlikely to vote it a popular classic, both the score and the choreography are rich enough and odd enough to beg for a second viewing.



Robert Armstrong on the intense scrutiny facing England's new leader as he enters the perpetual danger zone of Test captaincy

Pressure points for de Glanville

tional sport are supposed to last for least a month, yet, less than 48 hours after being unveiled as the England captain. Phil de Glanville found himself standing in the eral England critics Jeremy Guscott, not de Glanville. should have been chosen on merit for the team to face Italy at Twickenham in two weeks' time. Welcome to the hot seat. Phil.

The adverse comparison with Guscott, his Bath midfield partner, underlines the intense scrutiny de Glanville will come under, as player and leader, now that he has entered the perpetual danger zone of Test captaincy. In fact, the 28-year-old England skip-per — who leads Bath against Northampton at a packed Franklins Gardens in the Courage league today — has less than three months to introduce his working methods to his new-look side before their first major competitive. match against Scotland at Twickenham on February I. In the meantime, he will be expected to lead his troops to

fairly comfortable victories over Italy and Argentina and to compete affectively with the New Zealand Barbarians, a pseudonym of convenience for the All Blacks.

"Getting the balance right between being captain and being part of the squad, one of the boys you might say, is always difficult when you have to come out of the squad and be recognised as the captain," admitted de Glanville, who went through the same hoop at Bath 18 months ago. 'I at Bath 18 months ago. hope to bring a positive attitude to the way we want to play the game and to the way the squad environment devel-

If the England coach Jack Rowell's greatest talent lies in the area of man-management and motivation, then his deci-sion to pair de Glanville with Carling could be seen as a stroke of gentus. What bigger spur to de Glanville's ambitions than to have the man who led England to a record 44 wins breathing down his neck? "A fantastic player and a fantastic captain," was the Bath centre's sincere opinion

of Carling.
Bath's director of rugby John Hall has testified to De Gianville's ability "to take tough decisions in the best interests of the team", so one can be certain the England captain was privy to Rowell's decision to leave out Guscott. notwithstanding his excellent

'I'm confident I'll still be around to lead England into the next World Cup'

club form. Who would de Glanville prefer to play with: a stylish Bath back who veers between the sublime and the indifferent in an England shirt or Carling who, good or bad, never gives less than 100 per cent, physically and

mentally?
Predictably, de Glanville side-stepped the question. "First and foremost, we must remember we need to win, second we need to enjoy our-

Coaches play down role of Murrayfield Test substitutes

feature tactical substitu-Hons. But Richie Dixon and Greg Smith, the coaches of the two sides, said they hope their 15 first-choice players will start and finish the game at Murrayfield.

Sides can use up to five replacements, six in the case of injury, but Smith, said: "I'm not keen on subs unless I were really very next Saturday. sure that a player was fad-kicks off at 2.15.

TODAY's Test between ing. I would then take the Scotland and Australia will be the first that can terests of the team, but I hope it does not happen." The hooker Federico Mendez, Bath's new signing and Argentina's first pro-fessional, has been included in the national side to meet South Africa in the first of two Tests in Buenos Aires today.

• London Irish's home has been rearranged for land into the next World Cup. next Saturday. The game | That's the ultimate goal for us

ONEYMOON periops. It's already very tough one international sport are competitive." the main challenge will be to pull everything together and concentrate on playing the Italians, who are a very diffi-

> Winning may no longer be the only thing for England, as it was during the first half of the Ninetles, but de Glanville may find it harder than he suspects to put solid flesh on Rowell's vision of a flexible

all-purpose game.
Two weeks ago the Bath skipper was forced to kick his heels at club level while the Bath pack ground out an eight-man result over Dax. When England are threatened by the French it will be just as hard to break old habits, even with the silky presence of four Bath backs.

According to Hall, who knows both men better than anyons, Rowell "will need to anyons, kowell with Phill' in fairly precise terms if he wants to get the best out of him as player and captain. "Phill is not a dazzling running back but he's a talented player and he does make player and he does make things happen in his own right," said the Bath supremo.

right," said the Bath supremo.
"On the pitch he's a good
motivator and a strong tactician and, off it, he's a stabilis-ing character who stands his ground. Phil is an asset to any

Perhaps de Glanville's most obvious characteristic is that, like Carling, he never allows his heart to rule his head, particularly under pressure. "Hollywood" (as in good looks) may be one of his more flattering nicknames at The Rec. but the factory of dreams, cinematic or sport-ing, has limited appeal for the man who led Bath to the league-and-cup double last season. Winning in itself con-stitutes 90 per cent of his enjoyment with Bath or

England.
'Yes, the management want individuals to express themselves but they must do that as part of a team effort," de Glanville admitted. "Obviously form can fluctuate and it's important to have a captain who's playing well. That's why I don't think I should be appointed for any longer than one season at a time. Anyway, that system helps to keep you on your

"You have to maintain your form in what is a very competitive environment, that's healthy for all the players. All I'm looking forward to now are the next three games. all."



Friends and rivals . . . de Glanville and Guscott still talking to each other

Sport in brief

Llanelli lock banned for taking steroids

PAUL JONES, the Wales B lock, has been banned for two years by a Welsh Rugby Union tribunal after being found guilty of taking testosterone. The tribunal has backdated the ban to August 16, when the tests took place, because the 24-year-old Lianelli player owned up to his club's medical officer before he

Jones told the Welsh Rugby Union inquiry that he had taken Jones told the Welsh Rugby Union Inquiry that he had taken injections of testosterone in order to help him recover from a shoulder injury. He is only the third player in Wales to have tested positive for steroids. Five years ago the former Wales B centre Richie Griffiths was banned for two years when he tested positive for the drug Nodrolene. In September 1992, the Neath flanker Kevin Fox tested positive for traces of the banned stimulant Ephedrine, but had his ban reduced from three to one month after he provided evidence he had taken a cold remedy.

Kafelnikov in the black

YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV, the top seed and French Open chain-IEVGENY KAFELNIKOV, the top seed and French Open champion, played his best tennis of the tournament to beat Zimbabwe's two-fisted Byron Black 7-5, 6-2 to earn a Kremlin Cup semi-final meeting today with David Prinosil, the Czech-born German, writes Richard Jogo in Moscow. Another surprising survivor was Alex O'Brien, a Texan outside the world's top 200 at the start of the year. He defeated Jim Courier's conqueror Sjeng Schaiken 6-3, 7-6 and now meets Goran Ivanisevic.

Roe has tabs on Price

NICK PRICE yesterday discovered the depth of golf talent on the European Tour when he reached six under par at the halfway stage of the 25th Anniversary Hassan Trophy, yet finished the second round himself trailing by three shots, urites Michael Britten in Rabat. The former world No. 1 had a second-round 71 at Royal Dar Es Salam, but the Swede Mathias Gronberg and Spain's Ignacio Garrido lead the field. Price, who shot 71, is level on 140 with England's Mark Roe, who had six birdles in a 68.

Colin Montgomerie coped with the wet fairways and monsoon conditions to stay in touch with the leaders of the eight-player, country-hopping Johnnie Walker Super Tour in Manila. The world No. 3 Ernie Els of South Africa, like the Scot, shot a one-

country-tapping outside the series and superior world No. 3 Ernie Els of South Africa, like the Scot, shot a one-under-par 71. Els opened up a two-stroke lead after three rounds. After suffering through the appropriately named Typhoon Ernie, lan Woosnam quipped: "If it had been any worse we would have been playing with snorkels."

Salisbury slips from Sussex

SUSSEX look resigned to losing their Test leg-spinner lan Salisbury who is understood to be considering offers from Surrey and bury who is unaristood to be considering often in the safe; "Ian Northamptonshire. Susser's new captain Peter Moores said; "Ian is a quality bowler and although I can try and persuade him to stay, I cannot beg and there's nothing I can do if he wants to go," Troubled Sussex, who relieved Alan Wells of the captainty last week, have offered the 26-year-old Salisbury a five-year contract with the promise of a benefit.

Star class on the wane

THE international Sailing Federation Council has endorsed the changes in the selection of the Olympic classes, replacing the Star with the Ser, writes Bob Fisher. The council has also agreed a new set of racing rules, to be implemented on April I next year. The international Olympic Committee may confirm an 11th Olympic event, women's match racing, next week.

Lawrie Smith has announced his key crew members for the 1997-98 Whithread Race which begins next September. His EF Education will have Adrian Stead, Neal McDonald, Steve Hayles and Gordon Maguire in the crew. All four of these British sailors, with Magnus Olsson from Sweden, join Smith in the key roles. Olsson and Maguire are to be the watch leaders.

Wilkinson has cutting edge

HOWARD WILKINSON is the favourite to become the Football Association's first technical director, but no appointment appears to be imminent. The England coach Glenn Hoddle is expected to meet the PA's chief executive Graham Kelly next week to discuss a shortlist of at least three names for the new position, with Kelly saying yesterday: "We said we would look to appoint the technical tor in 1996 and we're still looking to do that, though we haven't an awful lot of time left. It is still a very important job and we want to make sure we get it right." But Kelly added: "We're still talking to two or three people."

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Basketball

MEAs Orlando 108. New Jersey 95; Hous-ton 110. Denver 108 (dt); Seattle 103, Phoe-nix 98; Portland 95, Minnesotz 94 (oli: New York 105. Golden Stata 100; Alianta 91. Sacramento 27. Cricket

176. THREE-DAY TOUR MATCH: Perth (first day): Western Australia first Innings 283-8 dec (A Glichriet 108no, M Lavender 81). West Indies first innings 55-1. ice Hockey

GERMAN MASTERS (Nurtigen): First rounds Meet J Power (Can) bt S Balcer (Aus) 15-9, 15-0, 15-8; D Harris (Eng) bt M Heath (Scot) 17-14, 15-6, 15-12 A Hill (Aus) bt B Martin (Aus) 15-12, 73-15, 17-15, 12-15, 15-12; B Challesser (Eng) bt O Ryan (Ive) 17-14, 15-9, 11-16, 15-12; S Parks (Eng) to M Cairns (Eng) 16-17, 8-15, 15-6, 15-4, 15-11; P Meoni (Scot) bt A Gough (Wates) 12-15, 15-10, 15-7, 17-15; C Walker (Eng) bt H Wiese (Gor) 16-9, 15-12, 15-14; R Eyles (Aus) bt C Rowland (Aus) B-15, 15-10-14; R Eyles (Aus) bt C Rowland (Aus) B-15, 15-10-14; R Eyles (Aus) bt R Macree (Eng) 5-8, 9-4, 9-4, 8-3, 9-2; C Michel (SA) bt S Horner (Eng) 5-4, 9-9, 19-2; C Schoen (Ger) 16-9, 10-9; C Owens (Aus) bt J Wilson (NZ) 8-2, 9-1, 9-2; S Schoen (Ger) 15-8, 2-9; L 19-1; C Owens (Aus) bt J Wilson (NZ) 8-2, 9-1, 9-2; S Schoen (Ger) 15-8, 2-9; L 19-1; C Owens (Aus) bt J Wilson (NZ) 8-2, 9-1, 9-2; S Schoen (Ger) 15-9, 2-9; L 19-1; C Owens (Aus) bt J Wilson (NZ) 8-2, 9-1, 9-2; S Schoen (Ger) 15 T Weeks (Aus) bt J Wilson (RZ) 8-2, 9-1, 9-2; S Schoen (Ger) 15 T Weeks (Aus) bt F Gestves (Eng) 9-7, 8-2, 9-4; S Wilson (Gers) 5-7, 8-1, 9-6.

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tally for the last 18 months," said the for-mer Dutch Open champton.

Sheffield Steelers' manager Alex Dem-pier is to sign the Carradian defencement Cory Beaulieu to strengthen his los-hockey side kollowing their recent indiffer-ent run. Last season's Grand Stam cham-plons were besten at the semi-final stage of the Benson and Hedges Cup by Notting-ham and have won only one of their last five horize matches. Beaulieu: a 6st lin, 27-year-did former Hardord Whaler and Mani-table Moose. Is a noted stopper with 528 poneity minutes in two sessons.

Weekend fixtures

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S-E COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0 unless stated); First Divisions Cambridge Util v Pulham; Chariton Ahr v Josvich; Cheisea v OPR: Gillingham v Tottenham (10.45); L Orient v Waltor: Norvich C v Portsmouth; Southend Util v Arsensi; West Ham v Millimali. Lead of the State Park Prival C: Colchester Util v Brighton (12.0); Luton Tn v Bernet, Fesching v Brentford: Southempton v Bournemouth; Swindon v C Palace; Tottenham v Mycombe.

LEAGUE OF WALESE Abstratory v V Briton Ferry; Caerway v Porthmadog; Connaît's Quay v Carnarthen Tn; Noywell v Bangor C; Liansastifield v Filmt Tn; Newbown v Barry Tn; Rhy v Carnaram; Tn; Noywell v Wale v Walshpool; inter Cable-Tel v Caer-Barton Tn.

Vale v Weishpool; inter Gatie-Tel v Carrnarion Tn.

FRISH LEAGUE: Pressler Birliaion Cillonville v Ards (2.0). Coleraine v Cruseders (2.0); Glentoran v Linfleid (2.0). First
Divisions Eallyclare v Carrick (2.0): Sengor v Newry (2.0); Distiliery v Larne (2.0);
Chuagh Tn v Ballymens (1.0)
PAI NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier Divisions Bray Worts v Derry C (2.30); Cork C v Shamrock Hors (2.30); Hinn Harps v Silgo
Rivs (7.30); UCD v Bohemlans.

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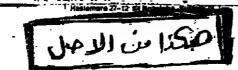
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• YESTERDAY'S RESULTS ON PAGE 20

Kutta to prove a snip in **November Handicap**

Chris Hawkins NLESS the handicapper has a guardian angel, and it must be said most of them do, Kutta should win this afternoon's Tote November Handicap at Doncaster pulling the

proverbial milkcart. With 9st 3lb he has been let in lightly, judged on form ter Offer, a final runner in a shown two weeks after the weights for this were published, and he should hard to over the reins to his daughter beat, particularly on the soft ground he loves His key race was the group three St Simon Stakes at Newbury where he went down by

threequarters of a length to Salmon Ladder at levels with the rest of a classy field beaten a long way.

It is an old racing adage that you should never use condition recently the rest. condition race form in handibury contest in soft ground beating at Goodwood in was so good, and Salmon Lad- August, Better Offer should der is such a solid vardstick | be no threat to Kutta.

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APPLING SERVE WORKE (200) (D) Mrs H Kalphi 5-10-7
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12.55 COUNTY SOUND RADIO HOVICE HURDLE 5YO 2m 110ym 22,801

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ting: 9-4 Hamilton Sift, 11-4 Crack On, 9-2 Lightening Lad, 7-1 Kingsteat Pet, 8-1 Lonescone Thein, 10-1970s, 12-1 Non Vintage.

2.30 SOUTH EAST RACECOURSE OF THE YEAR HANDICAP CRASE 2m 4f 110yds E4,811

Bestiage 2-1 Montel Express, 5-2 Trail Boss, 5-1 (5) Freddie, 7-1 River Room, 8-1 Embley Buoy, 13-1 Hyten Chaoca.

• Tumorrow marks the end of the Fist sesson in Ireland but local headlines are likely to be grabbed by jumping stars Danoll and Klairon Davis who are both in action this weekend, banoll runs in the Quinns of Naas Novices' Chase at Naas today, while Klairon Davis runs at Leopardstown tumorrow.

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that I am going to ignore the dictum.

To suggest there are no dandle at Chaltenham, and Jet gers is naive and last year's Rules (1.45) but the latter second, Dato Star, now carry gets the vote. remendous race on a belated ing a lot less weight, has been easonal reappearance when laid out for the race.

Paul Cole is making a detertremendous race on a belated

dead-heating under 10 stone for the Newbury Autumn mined effort and saddles Cup, showing fighting qualities that will stand him in mios and Dance So Suite. good stead if and when the challengers materialise. Among them could be Bet-ter Offer, a final runner in a something of an unknown quantity.

Harwood has had, some wonderful horses through his hands, the most famous of them being Dancing Brave, and it will be a poignant mo-ment as he saddles Better Offer, a colt who managed to beat Pilsudki (now vastly im-proved) last sessor proved) last season. But on a line through Salmon Ladder, who gave him 12lb and a two lengths

3.45 Hope And Po

Wincanton (N.H.) with form for televised races

Ser P CPR-stre (7)

Present Arms is a lightly weighted, improving three-year-old and as such is still

Handicaps snips seldom oblige, witness the most recent example Oscar Schinder, but on the law of averages it is time one did and I, therefore, nap Kutta (3.30) to make the bookmakers squeal.
With five others meetings

<u>Channel 4</u>

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SAEED Bin Suroor clinched the Flat trainers' title at Doncaster yesterday when Russian Snows won the RJB Mining Fillies' Condi-

tions Stakes. He started the day £22,280 ahead of Henry Cecil and Russian Snow's victory sealed a memorable season for the ex-Dubai policeman whose Godolphin team have won nearly £2 million in prizemoney.

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SOCCER: THE WORLD CUP QUALIFYING ROUND

England and Wales both opt for likely lads and hope their choices will prove to be captains of industry

Adams unmasked as the strong, silent type

David Lacey in Tbilisi hears the coach name a skipper but keep his own counsel

ONY ADAMS WILL captain England against Georgia in their World Cup qualifying match here today because Glenn Hoddle, as he has already shown with Paul Gasbelieves that people can change. If, at the end of a bizarre nine days, the England coach's faith in moving mountains is rewarded then the Caucasus may be about to witness a tremor of Alpine

The 30-year-old Adams, who only two months ago admit-ted he is an alcoholic, returns to lead the side inspired by his captaincy under Terry Venables in the European Championship. He regains the armband because Alan Shearer, Hoddle's original choice, is recovering from a groin operation.

Whether or not Gascoigne, whose retention in the squad after wife-beating allegations drew an angry public reacpends on one more heart-toheart between coach and player. 'I won't decide if Gascoigne plays until I've spoken to him again." he said. Whatever we discuss will remain personal but there'll be football discussions

He will also be checking on slight ankle problems affecting Stuart Pearce and Gareth Southgate as well as having another look at the bumpy, thinly grassed pitch. "It will be a football decision," Hoddle reiterated, just in case anyone thought he might be influenced by Gascoigne's remorseful performance at Adams explained.

Bisham Abbey on Monday. changed in a lot of way.

springs an overnight leak to a tabloid, speculation about Hoddle's most important England selection yet will remain a matter of speculation until shortly before kick-off. All that can be said at the mo-ment is that Ian Wright looks a slightly better call than Les

Ferdinand, with Matthew Le Tissier more than a felmt gleam in Hoddle's eye. As for Adams, well apart from a stitched eyebrow, courtesy of a clash of heads with Wimbledon's Efan Ekoku last Saturday, the Arsenal captain looks and sounds a better person; even taking into account the counselling-speak which, in this squad, is fast becoming a

Adams took to drink after the disappointment of losing to Germany on penalties in the Euro 96 semi-final. He was hardly a stranger to alcohol, although he had previously been on the wagon for five

Now recovered from a further operation on the knee that had kept him out of the Arsenal defence since mid-January, Adams is in good form on the field and in good hands off it. He had a couns ling session shortly before England flew here and has been in touch with his thera-

pist by phone.

If the player is as good as yesterday's words the England team will experience a stronger, relatively silent Tony Adams today. "Tve had a mask on for all these years,"
Adams explained, "I'm

England survive flight from hell

CHELSEA'S defender Duberry snatched an 81st-minute winner as England Under- the stench in the cabin 21 beat their Georgia counterparts 1-0 in Batumi yes-terday, after the side had to mare flight on a plane that would have failed European safety standards.

from petrol fumes, while seat belts were missing and many seats were broken. land back to the top of the

European Championship

qualifying table.

the arse from me like I used to give them. I just want the players to be looking at me and seeing that I'm giving 100 per cent for the team. I'll be running, I'll be heading and for me and for them When people needed a gee-up I used to give them a verbal voiley. I might still do it at times but I think I've turned

I'm trying to lead by example.
I've already said to the players at Arsenal that they're not

going to get verbal kicks up

myself around a bit. You can go over the top. It's going in one ear and out the other. But if you control it there are certain ways it can work.

"I think Glenn has seen a different me. I think he knows I've clianged. After all, we were playing in the same Engknows what he is going to get, whether I'm skipper or not He's picked me because of the

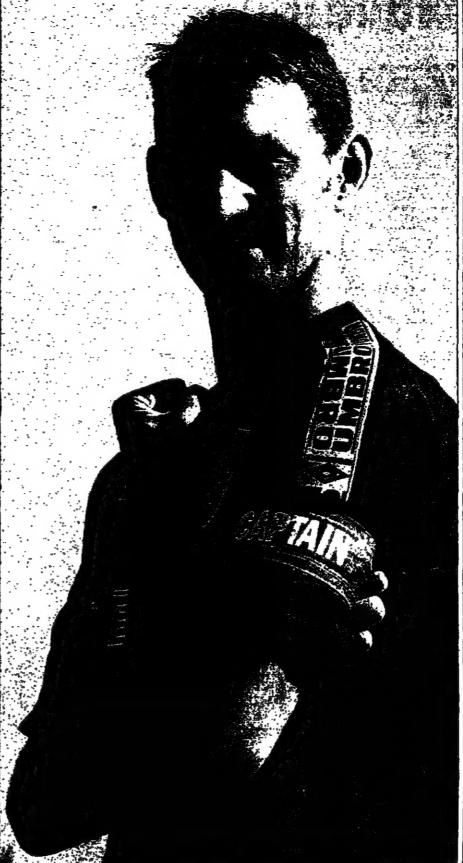
player that I am."
"Tony's form is as good a ever," Hoddle confirmed. 'After the knee injury he's come back leaner and fitter than he has looked for the last three or four years, and that's probably down to the way he has dealt with his other

Tm not drinking so much Guinness," Adams joked. But in practical terms I have lost a lot of weight through

His leadership will be particularly important during period Hoddle believes will decide the pattern of the of team who, if they do get on top early, have the players to exploit this," he said. Kink-ladze, Nemsadze and Gogichaishvili are likely to pose the principal threat from

"I don't think a draw will be a disaster but we're look-ing to win," Hoddle added. "Italy aren't playing and if we can take a three-point lead into our match against them at Wembley in February that would be an important psychological advantage."

Not that England need any more psychology just now. This must be the most soulsearched team in World Con history. Talk about Band of Hope and Glory.



Captain sensible ... Adams displays the skipper's armband after training NEAL SAMPSON

Secret vote puts Jones in power

OBBY GOULD was ready for the criti-cism. "Many people back home will be saying this is a sad day for football." He had just revealed the new captain of Wales: Vinnie Jones. Sent off 12 times in his

career, fined a total of £26,000 by the football authorities Jones once threatened to rip off Kenny Dalglish's ear and spit in the hole. Hardly the image of the model captain. But, as might be said of Jones's more notorious chal-

lenges, needs must when the devil drives. For Wales, if not devil drives. For Wales, it not Dalgish's ear, are in a hole.
Having lost two of their best three players, Hughes and Giggs, through suspension and injury, Wales must stop Holland playing here to avoid a hammering in tonight's qualifier here. That will take a team effort and Jones is one of the best motivators in the business

Mind you, Gould is shrewd. He let the players choose the captain in a secret ballot, half knowing who would win but thereby absolving himself in advance from any blame should Jones do something silly on the pitch.

Take the last but one of his five games for Wales; sent off for stamping on the Georgian Kavelashvili, incurring a fivematch European Championship ben in the process

But the Wimbledon cap-tain's club form won his recall to the squad for this game and now comes the highest

appointment, pending the recovery of Barry Horne, Gould is gambling on Jones being Captain Courageous not Captain Outrageous in a draw, having lost 3-1 at home to Holland last month. The Jones emotion that so often manifests itself as a red

mist took a more benish form

yesterday as the 31-year-old

digested the implications of his new mle "I'm still shaking, y'know with the excitement," the giant quivered. "There's a lot going on in there and I don't

really know what it is at the moment. It's got to be the proudest day of my career. It's hard to explain the pride of your fellow pros in a secret ballot wanting you to be their

carrier. Now I am captain of an international team in the World Cup." And his eyes really did moisten.

This is just the sort of stir ring stuff that Gould hopes will infect the team. "I feel we can get a result," said Jones. "But that means backs to the wall, at times riding your luck and, when you're knack-ered and can't put another foot in front of the other one, putting your foot in front of the other one. And it will be up to me to try and keep the boys going, keep the passion

going."
Welsh via his grandfather Arthur, Jones admits he must curb his wild side and has said he will retire from the game if he gets sent off tonight. However, restraint remains a stranger. Of his one dismissal this season he said, "a guy spat at me and I can't have that".

No swapping of shirts for Jones after the game, though, This one will be displayed in his gun room alongside his Wales debut shirt and one he

wapped with Stoichkov. With that the Wales captain ended his press conference to phone his wife. "I need to do something. I don't know come or what's happening. But I ain't gonna do it in front of you lot and be Gazza Mark



Wright put on right road the Wenger way

David Lacey hears the Arsenal stiker put his renewed hopes of an England place down to a breath of fresh air at Highbury

footbail's most natu-ral goalscorer since Jimmy Greaves. He has scored more than 150 times this season is the Premier ship's joint leading marks-man alongside Fabrizio

Greaves, however, scored 44 goals for England and only Bobby Charlton and Gary Wright has found the net just five times in 20 international appearances, half of them as a bstitute, and four of those goals came against San Ma-rino in his last match but one. The other was a mis-hit shot into Poland's net in Katowice

When Terry Venables was England coach Wright's modest England career appeared to have hit the buffers. But Alan Shearer's groin opera-tion has, belatedly, renewed his international prospects.

OME believe Ian Even if he does not make well now as he has ever done.
Wright to be English Glenn Hoddle's starting line- His prolific record speaks for up for the World Cup quali-fier in Georgia today he is vir-

> For Wright, who was 33 last Sunday, this would still be a gratifying achievement. When, dissatisfied with Bruce Rioch's style of management, he asked Arsenal for a trans-fer earlier this year the principal doubts concerned his future at Highbury. His international prospects were not

worth mentioning. have conspired to win Wright one last chance of proper Eng-land recognition. Rioch is no longer Arsenal manager and after a series of caretakers Wright has found, in Arsène Wenger, a coach to whom he can relate. And since Wenger. when he was at Monaco, persuaded Hoddle to go into man-agement. Wright could be forgiven for believing that fate is

itself and his first touch, which in the past has been extually guaranteed a place on posed at international level, is impressive. His instant control before scoring the first of his two goals at Blackburn a month ago could not have been bettered.

Of equal significance was the fact that the second was provided by a pass from Patrick Vieira, the 20-year-old French midfielder whose £3.5 million transfer from Milan was completed at Wenger's behest. Vieira provided a sim ilar service when Wright opened the scoring against Wimbledon last Saturday. "Patrick Vieira is doing

very well for me," said Wright as he joined England's preparations for Georgia. "It's been a long, long time since I had a midfield player who actually looks at the run of the front man first and then looks at the other op-tions. He's put me in a few Certainly he is playing as | times this season whereas be-

people would pass sideways because the emphasis was on keeping the ball. I was mak-ing the runs but the ball was not going there."

His frustration boiled over under Rioch and there were clearly basic differences between the two about the way the game should be coached and played. While Wright is full of praise for Wenger's methods, criticism of his pre-



Wright ... happy again

gers on. The tension has definitely been taken out of the dressing room," he reflected. "Every-

body knows that what was there before was not the best relationship. There was a lot of tension. It just got a bit too regimented sometimes; now

"To be honest, I think that the old-school method, the fear factor, frightening kids into playing well, that's in the past. Managers like that are teaching methods used by managers way before. I think the game has gone on from that. I think that this new way like the box we have at way, like the boss we have at Arsenal now, that's the proper way."
Wright, on standby for the

Poland game but not called into the England squad, has quickly spotted similarities between Hoddle and Wenger. There is the same kind of

with a whip and a chair. They're composed, calm and They're composed, ca relaxed about things." Wright's career has been

peppered with controversy, and this is putting it mildly. He has called one referee a muppet and referees in general "little Hitlers". This sea regimented source.

it's more relaxed.

"Arsène Wenger's a very laid-back kind of guy in his coaching but he wants you to be efficient.

"To be honest, I think that method, the method, the method, the method, the last proposition of the last prop

a thalidomide victim.

Yet his passion for the game and his desire to play for England are undiminished. "It's the highest level you can play at. There is so much expectation and, you have to say, adulation that can be heaped upon you.

"I still feel I can do anything when Pro cut there and thing when I'm out there and my mind is right — and my mind is right now."

If anyone can talk himsel relaxed atmosshere with Eng.
land," he said. "They both want you to do things right because it is the right thing to

Scots' plea for **McAllister fails**

COTLAND, having failed to persuade Fifa to overturn their decision on Gary McAllister's operately suggested to the constant of one-match suspension, will have to adopt Plan B for tomorrow's potentially decisive World Cup tie at Ibrox. The faxes hummed between Glasgow and Zurich yester-day but the ruling body failed to respond to the SFA's plea that the Coventry midfielder should sit out the rearranged one for which he was origi-

manager, had decided long be-fore Fifa or his employers that his captain would be unavailable and said yesterday: "We don't want to get bogged down in pettiness. If he's sus-pended, he's suspended and we will get on with firming up a team we believe can win a vital match." Craig Burley of Chelsea may fill the McAllis-

Craig Brown, the team

It is in midfield and defence that Scotland have been most effective during Brown's three years, and the loss of the injured Stuart McCall of Rangers compounds his prob-lems in the middle. His choice of a replacement for McCall, the anchor man who normally allows McAllister and

Blackburn and Paul Lambert of Borussia Dorimund. Lambert, who has played well in a defensive midfield role since moving to Germany this sason, probably has the edge on McKinlay, even though he has only four caps to the Blackburn man's

Brown also has a selection dilemma in attack, where Bol-ton's John McGinlay, Darren Jackson of Hibernian and Billy Dodds of Aberdeen contest two places. McGinlay has scored three times for Scot-land while Jackson broke his international duck in the last match in Latvia, Dodds has scored 17 goals for his club but McGinlay, in fine form for Bolton, may have the edge with either of the others as

his starting partner.
Sweden, who finished third in the 1994 World Cup, have not reproduced that form since. They failed to qualify for Euro 96 and lost their last match at home to Austria. Their normally prolific strik-ing partnership of Martin Dahlin and Kennet Anders-son has been the most significant disappointment.

 Celtic are likely to take legal action against Fifa after yesterday's decision that they are not entitled to a transfer fee from Monaco for John Colunder freedom of contract but Celtic argued that the Princi-John Collins to forage further Celtic argued that the Principality is not an EC member and is therefore not covered by the Bosman ruling.

A N Other

E may now be remem-bered as a famous echo, but for the bulk of his playing career he epitomised the pragmatic qualities of the team whose manifold success he shared. As an atsuccess he snared. As an at-tacking full-back he had few peers. He could also take a mean penalty. His origins were humble, but for six years he stuck to his last before fame beckoned. His playing career finished at a meandering trot.

Last week: Joe Jordan (Morton, Leeds, Manchester United, Milan, Verong, South-



Performance of the week: Colin Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), outstanding in their 3-0 win over Liverpool

Gascoigne out for four

DAUL GASCOIGNE WILL play no more European games for Rangers this season. Yesterday Uefa gave the England midfielder a fourmatch suspension for being sent off when he kicked the Ajax defender Winston Bo-garde in a 4-1 Champions League defeat in Amsterdam last month.

Gascoigne will miss the remaining two group matches this season and one European game next season, whatever competition Rangers may

qualify for. He was banned from the second leg against Ajax last week. Rangers last night opted not to appeal.

An FA tribunal has ruled that Sheffleld Wednesday will receive a minimum of £75.000 compensation from Leeds United after the 17-year-old was tempted to Elland Road. Quinn graduated from the FA National School at Lilleshall. Chelsea have completed the £4.5 million transfer of the Italian international striker

Group Eight: Republic of Ireland v Iceland

Keane given Sammer role Optimistic Hamilton hopes

Charlie Stuart in Dublin

OY KEANE, the Repub-lic of Ireland's prodigal son, will be asked to fill a more versatile role, foraging forward from central defence, against Iceland in tomorrow's crucial World Cup qualifier at

The manager Mick McCarthy was an interested spectator last June when Germany won the European Champion-ship in England, where the player who most impressed him was Borussia Dort-

mund's Matthias Sammer. Don't tell me that Sammer is a better player than Roy Keane," said McCarthy as the Irish wound up their preparamidfielder Andrew Quinn tions at Carrickmacross. Sammer was a midfielder who was moved to the centre of defence, and you saw what he did for Germany coming forward last summer." Keane is back in the Repub-Keane is back in the Republic squad, having missed the sewhat an honour it is to be ready.

last nine internationals. He has now vowed that he wants to do everything he can to help the Irish reach their third successive World Cup finals. A one-match suspension after being sent off against Russia in March, numerous in-

juries and his decision to make himself unavailable for the three-match American tour, without consulting McCarthy. had alienated him from the Irish footballing public. Apologies have been made however, and the volatile Manchester United player, capped 30 times, is ready to

answer his critics. "USA '94 was a marvellous experience," said Reane. "To play in the World Cup finals must be the pinnacle in any player's career. I want more of the same in two years' time.
"When you realise that players like Eric Cantona and Mark Hughes never played in

country like Ireland." McCarthy wants to avoid disturbing his midfield of Alan McLoughlin, Jason McAteer and the captain Andy Townsend, so switching Keane to central defence, but with the encouragement to get forward as often as pose-ible, suits his purpose. The fitness of the 38-year-

old Tranmere player-manager John Aldridge remains a worry. His slight groin injury will prevent him taking part in the final training session at Lansdowne Road this afternoon. As a result McCarthy may delay naming his team until an hour before kick-off. Aldridge is one goal away from Frank Stapleton's Irish international record of 20 and is desperate to play. "Rest is the only answer," he said. "Maybe somebody doesn't

doll. But I'm sure I will be

history will inspire his side

Group Nine: Germany v Northern Ireland

Michael Walker in Nuremberg

T MAY be difficult to be lieve, but Northern Ireland have not lost to Germany for 19 years. The scoreline in Cologne in 1977 was 5-0 but on have met since. Northern Iraland have won twice and two games have been drawn. That impressive record.

however, is all the Irish will have on their side here this afternoon because form, quality, strength in depth and mmon sense suggest nothing other than a German victory.

Germany go into this World Cup qualifier having crushed Armenia 5-1 in Erevan last month after the Armenians had drawn there with Portu-gal. And as this is Germany's want me to get the record and first home game since win-are throwing pins at a voodoo ning Euro 96 the mood is ex-

 a home defeat by Ukraine and a draw with Armenia. It may be 5-0 again, but Northern Ireland's manager

Bryan Hamilton is nothing if not an optimist. "I hope the Germans are aware that we haven't lost to them for a little while," he said. "Our players are certainly aware that we have a very good record Optimism is also the feeling of Jürgen Klinsmann, Ger-

nany's captain, even though six regulars are injured.

Klinsmann quashed stories of an imminent return to England and said he is settled with Bayern Munich. "We did to Valencia in the Uefa Cup, but we are top of the league and things have calmed

down," he said.
"I hear these rumours but for all my respect for the Prening Euro 36 the mood is ex-pectant, especially when Northern Ireland's opening and finish it I did that."

Gould gaffe inflates Vinnie

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Soccer Diary

Robert Pryce

F COURSE Glenn Roddle should have picked Paul Gascoigne, whatever he is alleged to have done. A national team manage national team manager is mandated to put out the best available team, and he should not be influenced by the way his players have been performing in the area of role-modelling.

But that is no excuse for Bobby Gould Viscole Jeron.

Bobby Gould. Vinnie Jones, family man, patriot, mili-tary historian, marine biologist, may serve as a role model for a certain kind of child, but he should never be made captain of Wales.

After receiving a dozen red cards, after prema-turely ending the careers of one young man and threatening the end of several others, after consistently failing to show that he has learned from his mistakes, or indeed that he has learned anything, Jones ought to be disqualified from any leadership role

with any team. By endorsing the players choice and making Jones captain Gould has licensed intimidation and indiscipline that he should have eradicated from the team. And worse, he has fed Jones's ludicrously inflated opinion of himself, the extraordinary delusion that he is actually one of the Premiership's star players. The Philips stadium at

Eindhoven contains a Toys 'R Us. Given a gift certificate and a free run of the store, the Welsh team would presumably have chosen an Action Man for the impressive muscula-ture, the military bearing, the stiff articulation and the lack of any substance between the ears.

HE Irish have known for some time that Fifa required them all to have passports before the Ice-land game. Jason McAteer but then according to one of little bit slow.

The team-mate recalls a visit to a pizza restaurant during the World Cup in the United States. When the waitress brought McAteer's order she asked whether he'd like it cut into four or eight pieces. "I'm not all that hungry like," said the midfielder. "I'll

just have the four."

pleafor

T'S not easy getting to see Newcastle United these days. You need a season ticket to get into St James' Park and you have to be ac-companied by a child under 16 if you want to catch the live closed-circuit screening at the Odeon in North-umberland Street.

Only once has the rule been circumvented. "I had a phone call from a foreign gentieman who said he'd travelled miles and could he see the game," the Odeon's general manager Peter Tal-bot told the Evening Chron-icle this week. "I told him it was impossible unless he was with a child.
"He asked if he could get

in if he brought his son,

and I said yes.
"When he turned up at the door he was about 80 years old and his son was a middle-aged businessman. We had to admit defeat and let him in."

MANCHESTER CITY courted more ridicule on Thursday when they brought out their 1997 calendar. And, yes, they've done it again. September's picture is of Steve Coppell. Holyfield . . . defiant

THE BIG FIGHT



The evil eye ... Mike Tyson will be his customary mean and menacing self as he faces Evander Holyfield in tonight's title fight PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENON

Tyson invokes hot gospe

As the gaudy fancy descend on Las Vegas **Frank Keating** finds how he weathers a counter of how he weathers a counter of was full of strut yesterday the champion and his challenger sharing a belief in the Almighty the champion and his challenger sharing a belief in the Almighty

not be His sort of On the face of it, it was an town, but He has been summoned for duty with knitted red bobble-cap, disclosing hymn and Amen. the bucket and sponge to attractedly sucked his finger-tend both corners when the nalls, examined his famous opening bell's foredoom clangs for world heavyweight boxing at the MGM Grand. With the certainty of a reformed convert the cham-

pion, Mike Tyson, claims God is on his side. 'Praise the Lord and the prophet Muham-mad. He will guide and in-struct me to get the job over quickly," he says in his menacing mumble of certitude. The challenger, Evander

Holyfield, is more articulately proselytising but just as defi-nite. 'People are saying Hey, this man believes in God, so let's see what God can do for him against Tyson.' And when I win they will say, I guess there really is a God.' So in one night I will have led a whole host of those people to an everlasting life."

The two fighters gave forth as they sat, brown-studied and furrow-browed, flanking



fists and occasionally snig-gered privately. Holyfield stared into the distance, elegant hands fingering the scar tissue around the eyebrows of his chiselled face.

King rousingly hollered hot-gospel imprecations at the idea that God was taking sides — as if He had not got His work cut out in Africa, Bosnia and Belfast, let alone in this desperate desert Go-morrah — "This casis of outstretched palms," as Reg Gut-teridge memorably described

King of the friesian frizz then brought the prayer meeting down to earth. This contest should have taken place five years ago. It was post-poned when Tyson was jailed for rape. "Finally" is King's label for this fight. "Finally the epic match is made. As the great Will proclaimed: 'No lie can live forever.' And the good Victor Hugo added:
There is nothing so powerful
as an idea whose time has
come.' Hallelujah, the MGM
lion is roaring..." And so on

and on. I fancy God will not be diverted from serious matters for too long. Holyfield, at 34, is older by four important years. He is a decent and ap-pealingly defiant man. Too deflant, for he will not back off. He might not have time to: He can fight all right, and with a pride that scorns the easy route out via the floor and the stretcher.

But if his counter-punches, more clusteringly stinging than one-shot concussive, do not immediately give the

HERE is a quandary their promoter, the hair-rais cruel champion, with his left to the good Lord ing Don King with his by heart book of quotations.

On the face of it, it was an interpretation of the promoter overhand right, serious pause for thought, then in no time it

closing hymn and Amen. Holyfield's hope, apart from prayer, is that Tyson has not een in a proper fist-fight for five years. How will he cope if he is smacked full in the face? Since prison, not one of four flaccid opponents has laid a glove on him. Frank Bruno. who had laughably threat-ened to knock Tyson into King's ringside lap, was de-scribed in the local paper yes-terday as "an intimidated charlatan".

Three bardened observers

with no tickets to sell offered the gem as the gaudy fancy gathered in town. Muhammad Ali's trainer Angelo

velocity and that will tell you the story at once". Dundee's one-time corner partner Dr

it's a long time since Tyson felt a punch. Emmanuel Steward, the

legendary trainer, concurs. "It will be short and ugly, another Hagler v Hearns. Gambling men are less gruesomely dramatic. Holy-field remains 15-I against. "I am on a mission," he says, "to convert the atheists. Every-

one loves a winner and they will then know how good God has been to me."

There will be three heavy-

weight champions tonight. Tyson defends his World Box-ing Association title and Michael Moorer defends his International Boxing Federa-

rotund stomach and an H Samuel window of gold brace-lets and necklaces that would Partie Pacheco agrees. "It might just be one round, but it will be savage, an explosion, two iron-clad warriors bouncing bombs. It may be too late for Evander, but it's a long time cines Trace."

Samtel window of gold bracks and necklaces that would have made Cecil Rhodes proud.

Henry Akinwande, meanwhile, defends his World Boxing Organisation title against the late.

Alex Zolkin. No matter that the Russian-born Zolkin has put in all his seven years lighting in North America, nor that the US-based Akinwande was born and raised in

London by Nigerian parents
— in 'Dull-witch, old Eng-land," as King puts it.

"Tell us, you mad Russian from the former evil empire, what your Mother Russia is gonna do to help you against this jungle fighter, my Henry, my Zulu warrior armed with his spear and loincloth who don't take no prisoners, no

sirree? His Royal Hairness is

Benn snub angers Collins

terday. Due back by private jet from his training base in Tenerife, he failed to keep his lunchtime rendezvous with Steve Collins, whom he challenges for the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title at Man-

chester's Nynex Arena tonight.
Collins, who beat Benn in curious fashion four months ago when the 32-year-old Londoner retired with a twisted ankle after taking a knock-down in the fourth round, was angry at

Benn's non-appearance.
"We are professional boxers and should be setting relentlessly swarming and standards. The public pays

IGEL BENN, not for our wages and deserves betthe first time, ignored a "head-to-head" pre-liner. "Anyway his best champion, Ronald Wright press conference yes days are definitely behind of the United States. him. I'll knock him out this

> Benn, dethroned as WBC champion by South Africa's Sugar Boy Malinga last March, could be fined for his non-appearance yester-day. 'T have been down this road at least four or five times," sighed the pro-moter Frank Warren. "Will I dock any of his money? Let's see what happens after the fight."

On the same Nynex bill Sheffield's "Prince" Naseem Hamed makes his fourth defence of the WBO featherweight title against the undefeated Remigio Molina of Argentina and

Molina is unbeaten in more than 20 fights but is unlikely to have met any-one of Hamed's bizarre talents. For his part, Hamed will be anxious to give a better performance than in his previous fight, when he was taken to the 11th round and shaken several times by another unheralded Latin-American fighter,

Manuel Medina
Warren is negotiating for
Hamed to challenge for the
IBF title held by the American Tom Johnson and there is also talk of a big-money meeting with the formidable Mexican Marco Antonio Barrera.

No leniency on Giddins drugs ban

D GIDDINS, the for-mer Sussex pace bowler who was given a 19-month sus-pension after failing a random drugs test last season, had his appeal rejected by a hearing at Lord's yesterday.

The 25-year-old England A bowler will remain suspended until April 1998 after testing positive for cocaine during Sussex's match with Kent at Tunbridge Wells in May.

He had hoped to have the sentence reduced by the Cricket Council's five-man

Cricket Council's five-man appeals committee. Instead, after a hearing that lasted 2% hours, the committee, chaired by Desmond Perrett QC, sent out what was clearly intended to be a strong message to po-tential drug users — recre-ational or otherwise — within

ational or otherwise — within the game.

"The panel have carefully listened to what they consider to be sensible arguments addressed to them by both parties," said Perrett in a statement. "They have at length discussed the matter both with regard to the interests of Ed Giddins and the interests of Ed Giddins and the interests of cricket, but confiterests of cricket, but confi-dently arrived at the ion that the appeal must be dismissed and the sentence confirmed." Hitherto, the committee had

soft option, having halved Al-lan Lamb's fine for ball-tampering allegations four years ago and last summer overturning the £2,000 fine imposed on Ray Mingworth, then chairman of selectors, for news

paper comments in the wake of the Devon Malcolm row. Giddins, represented by David Pannick QC, might have been confident of similar leniency. "I was appealing against the harshness of the sentence; against losing my livelihood for the best part of two years," he said yesterday,
"It was something I had to do,
to find out whether they would listen to what I had to say and reduce it."

However, his original line of defence — that he took the drug inadvertently — was not repeated at yesterday's hearing and the committee may have hear mind the committee may have been mindful of the quan-tity of the drug detected, be-lieved to be substantial and not necessarily consistent

Giddins confessed himself
"very, very disappointed and
upset". Sacked by Sussex on
August 20, immediately
following the sentence and,
with the cricket world closing ranks, he has been unable to find a playing or coaching po-sition abroad this winter. Instead he will be selling Christmas trees in south London.

Tour match: South Australia v England A

Battling batting averts disaster

Andy Wilson in Adelaide

WAS a worrying day for England A, but not the disaster that at one stage it threatened to be yesterday. A fifth-wicket stand of 108 be-tween Mark Butcher and Craig White, followed by some plucky tail-end resis-tance, allowed the tourists to recover from 46 for four to 232

Australia. But that is not n fend on a pitch which, after McIntyre, who, like Gillespie, losing its early moisture, of returned this week from Aussome of the dismissals as

South Australia made three changes from the team de-feated in a 50-over match on Wednesday and two of the new selections, Jason Gilles-pie and Mark Harrity, did the early damage.

left-armer returning from a back injury, bowled a full length and swung the ball into England's right-hand batsmen, although the first M P Vughan c Nest M McGraft Neston two of his four victims. Michael Vaughan and Adam Hollicake, went driving loosely at balls slanted across them — Vaughan to the third delivery he faced. As Vaughan's Yorkshire

team-mate Anthony MGrath also followed a wide one, this time from the medium pace of Greg Blewett, the case against first was not conclusive the first was not conclusive would have been strengthened, however, had Butcher not been dropped at first slip off Harrity on 53 for four.

Shah, who could only parry a flerce short ball from Gillespie to second slip. Gillespie was the joint leading wicket-taker in the Sheffield Shield last season with 46, a crucial factor in the Redbacks' sucespecially in a superb s spell after lunch.

Yet Butcher and White survived to reach half-centuries, Butcher for the third time in for nine against South four tour innings. White payed positively, especially against the leg-spinner Peter ferred little to either pace or tralia's one-day series in In-spin. The coach Mike Catting dia. White overtook his partadmitted as much, describing ner with his second pulled six over square leg to move into the sixtles.

But with the hard work done on 154 for four, the players got themselves out either side of tea, White driving the left-arm spinner Brad Young straight to mid-off and Butcher flicking Joe Scudari, Harrity, a tall, 22-year-old an innocuous medium-pacer,

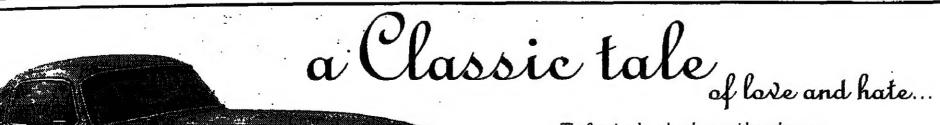
Tutal (for 9, 67 overs

Tourists trip on Gilchrist ton

ADAM GILCHRIST scored sixes in his side's 293 for six declared.

Australia on the first day of their match against the West for 15 led Sri Lanka to a 75-Indians in Perth yesterday.
Gilchrist, the wicketkeeper
who replaced the injured lan Healy during Australia's tour to India, hit 14 fours and three | Pakistan for 131.

run victory over Pakistan in the Singer Champions Tro-phy in Sharjah, Sri Lanka



The first time I saw her she was with another man, but I knew then: I had to have her.

I was besotted the first time I took her out. She was unpredictable, exciting, infuriating. I often ask myself . is it worth it? All the pain, the money, for a few hours together,

fleeting moments of pleasure, a brief physical thrill?

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New man in the hot seat De Glanville speaks his mind



What hope for Holyfield? Tyson walks tall in Las Vegas

$\mathit{The}\mathsf{Guardian}$

Stress drives Coppell from **Maine Road**

rest, uncertainty and crisis yesterday when Steve Coppell, their manager of 33 days, resigned on medical grounds and cited the pressures of modern football.

Though the 41-year-old's carefully worded resignation statement posed more ques-tions than it answered, it is clear the problems that pre-cipitated Coppell's departure were affecting him before he agreed to become the First Division club's eighth manager in a decade.

Since my appointment this has completely overwhelmed me to such an extent that I cannot function in the job the way I would like to," he said.

Coppell was appointed on October 7 — six weeks after Alan Ball resigned — and his arrival brought to an end the Maine Road club's search for a manager that had produced rejections from George Gra-ham, Dave Bassett and Sheffield United on behalf of Howard Kendall.

Manchester City's chair-

manager immediately. In-stead, be has installed Phil Neal, Coppell's assistant who arrived from Cardiff City. "Phil will be in charge for the foreseeable future and if be

foreseeable future and if he starts winning games he could make the job his own. I'm sure he will relish the challenge and get on with it."

Coppell, who presided over two wins in his six-game spell, conceded that he felt embarrassed. "I would like to apologise first and foremost to gise, first and foremost, to Francis Lee and his board who have done everything in their

power to help me," he said.
"This is the hardest thing I have ever had to do and I can only say the decision I have in the best interests of the

club and myself. Lee spent most of this week trying to convince Coppell to see the job through. However, his offer of a rest cure was rejected out of hand and the die was cast on Thursday when Coppell announced he wished to convene a press conference for yesterday. "I first knew about all this on Sunday evening when

Steve called me and said he must see me," said Lee. "He

shaken by the week's events said he wasn't feeling very that he will not look for a new manager immediately. In the Monday morning. I told him to take a break and to have a week off to think about

things. He said 'no'.
"He was adamant all week long that he wanted to get

away from it all."

Although Lee was sympathetic, his demeanour was that of a man who had been in managing anything but that sort of pressure does not come along in three or four weeks," he claimed. "He will be a relieved lad today, will Steve. I'm just glad he's going to get himself sorted out because that's the most impor-tant thing.

"We've had a few sad days at this club recently. It's all very frustrating but we must soldier on."

During his stay Coppell signed Eddie McGoldrick from Arsenal for £300,000 and took Simon Rodger on loan from Crystal Palace but was unable to turn things round quickly for a club with esti-mated debts of £20 million. City lie 17th in the table, 18 points adrift of the leaders Bolton.

Down

1 English heat, wet, or scar?? It can be unreliable! (7,8)

2 Quiet - maybe a little bit (8)

3.7 He once dublously tricked

a gun barrel maker (5,6)

4 Graphic blocks of beasts

head to head (3-5)

5 Hound black-bird (6)

8 Thieves fix capitals of

companies: energy, communications, utilities,

etc? Often they seem to!

multilateral (9)

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City slump ... Coppell becomes the second manager to resign the Maine Road club's job this season SNC GRAHAM

'The hardest thing I've ever had to do'

Yesterday's statement by Steve Coppell

"FOR the last 18 months I've wanted to manage a football club, so when I was given the job as manager at Manchester City I was proud, excited and delighted. I was also determined to be a success and return the club to its rightful place in the Premiership.

"I'm not ashamed to admit that I have suffered for some time from huge pressure I have imposed upon myself and since my appointment this has completely overwhelmed me to such an extent that i cannot function in the job the way I would like to.

"As this situation is affecting my well-being, I have asked Francis Lee to relieve me of my obligation to manage the club on medical advice. I am therefore resigning for personal reasons.

would like to apologise first and foremost to Francis Lee and his board, who have done everything in their power to help me.

"Francis has been particularly understanding and i

would like to thank him for that. "I would also like to thank and wish good luck to the players and staff. Their attitude and approach has been superb over the last six games, and will hold them in good stead for the coming months.

"Finally I would like to say sorry to the supporters of Manchester City who have, to a person, made me feel very welcome, It is obviously not the way I intended events would happen.

'This is the hardest thing I have ever had to do and I can only say the decision I have made is an honest one made in the best interests of the club and

Where shots on target are usually lethal



David Lacev

HEN England last played in Tbilisi, 10 V years ago, some-body asked Don Howe what was the best thing to buy there. "Airline tickets, replied Bobby Robson's assistant without the glimmer of a

Not that Howe was feeling particularly chipper at the time. On the eve of England's departure, having learned that Terry Venables was being sounded out in Barce lona to replace him as the Arsenal manager, he had handed in his notice.

In the event, George Gra-ham took over at Highbury and Howe later became Venland squad. Little in football ever stays the same for long. Not in Tbilisi, either; at

least not now. As the capital of one of the Soviet Union's more reluctant components it had a dusty elegance. And the Georgians are a handsome people. But whereas in 1986 any long

faces among the populace might have been put down to Mikhall Gorbachev's attempt to check drunkenness by banning the sale of volka, any present air of despondency follows civil war and a collapsing infrastructure that is only just starting to pull round. The Red Army was in the

streets 10 years ago. It has been back to Georgia since, uninvited. Now the soldiers belong to the United Nations a protecting force, which still chteus the air of a ity about the place.

At least a home win today will bring more genuine Georgian cheer than it would have done then. England could not understand why the Soviet team ran out to such a muted more bewildered when it be-came obvious that the crowd vere on their side.

The explanation was, of course, that with the exception of Aleksandr Chivadze, the Dynamo Tbilisi *tibero*, the "home" team were as foreign as the visitors; a mixture, in "I'm extremely embarrassed by the situation and I the main, of Russians and Ukrainians, England's victory, achieved by Chris Wad-

dle's lone goal after Chivadze had missed a penalty, was highly popular. For Robson, the principal

significance of the match was the performance of Peter Beardsley and the immediate evidence of his understanding with Gary Lineker. This was where the most prolific attacking combination in England's recent history was

Up to then Mark Hateley had maintained the tradition of tall, strong English centreforwards, and it was only when Robson reunited Beardsley with Lineker against Poland in Monterrey that the team began to make progress in the 1986 World Cup finals.

Robson learned in Tbilisi that a medium-sized attacker with plenty of pace and good skills will be more likely to outwit international defenders who know their stuff than an orthodox target man. Gienn Hoddle, who played in that match, may also be reminded of this truth, though in a different way.

"Teams from this part of the world all have one thing in common," observed Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, last weekend. They're all very quick. They have small players who are adept at finding spaces and darting into them." Hamilton was speaking with the authority of someone who had already

lost 1-0 at home to the Ukraine. Remembering how easily Curtianu and Nowak have opened up Hoddle's defence for Moldova and Poland, it is easy to believe that Nemsadze Kinkladze and Gogichaishvili will enjoy themselves today, much as Beardsley did a de-

cade ago. The fact that Benrdsley, at 35, is still a rare type among English footballers is surely a measure of how slow our game has been to relearn its own lesson. Paul Gascoigne and Teddy Sheringham have the sort of skill H ing about, but they do not have the speed to go with it.

NGLAND may win 🕳 agoin in Tbilisi. Nothing can be considered impossible in the place where Peter Shilton managed to get in without a passport, baving left his at home.

While the matter was being sorted out interminably. somebody suggested it might be quicker to take Shilts out on the tarmac and fire a few shots at him, just to prove he was who he said he was.

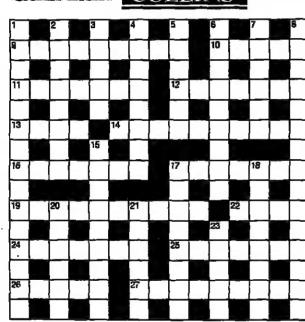
You wouldn't say things like that in Thilisi now, not even for a laugh.

Adams and Jones called to lead by bad example

MGLAND and Wales | skipper Wales was a surprise.
resolved their captaincy | "It's the proudest day of my problems yesterday by ap-pointing a recovering alcoholic and serial red-card col-lector to lead them in their World Cup qualifiers in Georgla and Holland today. While Tony Adams's appointment had been predicted, the choice of the Wat-

"It's the proudest day of my life," said Jones, who was chosen by his team-mates dethat includes 12 red cards. "We had a democratic vote among the players and they chose Vinnie," said the Wales manager Bobby Gould.

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Set by Paul

- Across 9 Perhaps able to speak and add detail (9)
- 10 Wom by a large number in church (5)
- 11 Add cooked mice with undue respect (7) 12 Wrestle beast away from
- grape fruit (7) 13 Scratch when using acid, and so on to the hospital
- 14 Meets here, where people blaspheme pocketing
- nothing? (4-6) 16 Filthy hole — Ready? Jump
- 17,20 Bird, the tool, one going into space? (7.6) 19 Actor's stock-in-trade is
- rage (10)

- where flow is vital (7)
- priest (7) 26 Neat and direct (5)

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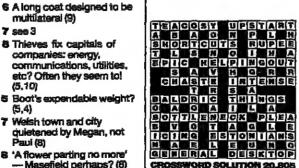
22 Skirt that sounds like a tie?

24 Composed cods with rit.

25 Middle-Eastern sari worn by

quietened by Megan, not Paul (8) 18 'A flower parting no more'
--- Masefield perhaps? (8) Germany; Nord Ectalr, 15/21 rue du Calte, BPG9 - 59052 Roubelx, Cedert 1, France, for and on behalf of the Guerdian and Manchester Evening News PLC, 46,708, Saturday, November 9, 1998.

17 Welsh town and city

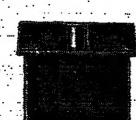


21 Plenty of dogs with lead

23 Exercise — one needs a bit

missing (6)

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